

U.S. Air Force personnel boarding a plane Wednesday at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, bound for Tuzla. There are now 30 U.S. troops in Bosnia.

Christopher Takes Up Serbs' Lingering Worries

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

BRUSSELS - Directly addressing the concerns of Bosnian Serbs for the first time, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said Wednesday that the Bosnian peace agreement concluded last month should be pot into effect "with sensitivity." But he ruled out any change or addition to the accord.

The approximately 80,000 Serbs living in Serbianheld districts of Sarajevo have vehemently objected to the agreement's stipulation that all of the city be handed over to the Muslim-led government.

French government

At a joint news conference with Andrei V. Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, Mr. Christopher seemed concerned to take account of Russia's traditional support for the Serbs.
"It is clear the implementation of the Dayton

agreement needs to be done with sensitivity to the needs of the parties, and certainly that will be taken into account. " he said.

anded over to the Muslim-led government.

Mr. Christopher and Mr. Kozyrev were attending a meeting here between NATO foreign ministers and

Bosnia, who was promptly relieved of his post, and more guarded expressions of sympathy from the the alliance and nations from the former Soviet bloc the alliance and nations from the former Soviet bloc Capitol Hill on Wednesday to testify about the plans that are interested either in joining NATO or in to send 20,000 U.S. soldiers to Bosnia, encountered

working closely with it.
Elaborating on Mr. Christopher's remarks, Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, 'We need to be sensitive to the needs of the Bosnian Serb population, especially in the southern suburbs of Sarajevo.'

But Mr. Burns added that there would be no

annexes to the accords or "complementary written See SERBS, Page 8

Clinton Presses Efforts to Win Support for Bosnia Mission

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton pressed vigorous campaign to win congressional backing for the Bosnia peace mission Wednesday, saying that despite a setback in the Senate he felt upbeat after a

despite a setback in the Senate he felf upbeat after a meeting with the speaker of the House.

"I'm encouraged," Mr. Clinton said. "I had a good visit with the speaker about it."

The speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, has promised to give the administration's case a full hearing before bringing the matter to a vote before Dec. 14. That is the day the peace accord reached last month in Dayton, Ohio, is due to be interested to the state of the senate of the senat

signed formally at the Elysée Palace in Paris. But in the Senate, a Bosnia debate that was to have

begun Wednesday was postponed amid persistent resistance from members. Senate leaders said they were hammering out wording that would satisfy the reservations of a majority of senators.

Mr. Clinton, striving to patch together a coalition of supporters, addressed Wednesday a bipartisan group of former high-ranking U.S. officials who have endorsed his Bosnia policy. Earlier, he received statements of support from three former presidents, both Republican and Democrat, and from a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell.

Resistance in Congress has persisted, however. Mr. Clinton said that he was working day by day to win over doubters, a majority of them Republicans. Some of Mr. Clinton's top deputies, returning to fresh expressions of doubt. The U.S. troops will join about 40,000 soldiers from other countries in the

NATO mission Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, addressing a key concern, told senators that the troops' mission might last a few weeks beyond a year, but "not

The Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, has been

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Germany Moves to Shoulder Europe's Post-2000 Military Burden

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

MUNICH - Bonn is quietly putting in place a year 2000. But the plan is not exactly a blueprint for military power in five years."

It looks more like an insurance policy to enable Europeans to weather the shock if the United States fails to respond to a future Bosnia and abandon any remaining pretense of trans-Atlantic cooperation in de-

fense manufacturing.

"The Germans have concluded — wrongly, I think — that they have to reckon with the risk of U.S. military disengage—

But so far, U.S. officials in general see Germany moving with gratifying — and slightly surprising speed to shed inhibitions about the use of force.

"The government hasn't yet shown the kind of leadership, with tough decisions, that you expect from tractors solvent. a quasi-superpower," the Clinton aide said, implying

that it was only a matter of time before Germany engagement, German security planners are quietly started to fill what is widely seen as a leadership expanding their panoply of military options. Although vacuum in Europe.

Of course, France and Britain will have ouclear weapons while Germany has renounced that option. But German military budgets, which have stopped falling, will match France's by Germany 1996

1997 if the current drastic pruning coninues in Paris. An Analysis The new German thinking was corroborated in recent interviews in Bonn,

Third of four articles even though officials invariably insisted that the nation's political elite still wants a ment, and their concern is reshaping their forces and their defense industry in ways that will affect all Europeans. But they cited worries that Congress no looger seems to know or care about what happens in looger seems to know or care about what happens in Europe and that U.S. defense manufacturers have become aggressively competitive against European companies, seeking to shut them out of the export markets that alone can keep Europe's defense con-

Worrying about a possible trend toward U.S. dis-

troops - and the use of force - remain an un-For all practical purposes, a French defense official comfortable option for many Germans, national sen-

a stronger role for the military. So far, however, Germany's growing authority stems less from a standing army that is becoming the strongest in Europe than from the fact that it is becoming the pillar in every sector of European security, including defense industries.

"We've realized we may have to make it on our own in Europe," a German government adviser said. That phrase signals a radical change from the 1980s, when Bonn often balanced its commitment to NATO with concessions to French-inspired moves toward greater military independence for Europe. That tactic was aimed mainly at drawing France closer to NATO, with its U.S. guarantee.

Now quite different dynamics are at work. German resources and industrial vision are putting Germany at the center of European defense cooperation. More easily than its neighbors, Germany can afford to curity Council alongside the five nuclear powers. As it modernize and equip its armed forces for the problems liable to threaten European interests.

Bonn Clears Deployment

voted Wednesday to send troops to take part in the NATO-led Bosnian peacekeeping operation. A motion calling for 4,000 transport, medical and logistics specialists as well as Tornado fighter bombers to join the mission got the support of 543 deputies in the Bundestag. There were 107 votes against and 6 abstentions. (Page 8)

In a world where ouclear weapons seem to carry dwindling political clout, Germany's nonnuclear status is actually an asset as the country emerges as the power broker in Europe. And its military participation Bosnia, which partly compensates for blundering German diplomacy hlamed for helping precipitate the

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Unions Spurn Juppé's Offer **And Call for** Wider Strike

Disruption by Workers Seems to Be Slowing; Franc Remains Strong

PARIS — Unions representing millions of striking public workers called Wednesday for a broader strike as they rejected Prime Minister Alain Juppe's attempts to end a walkout that has immobilized parts of

the country for 13 days.

The strike by railroad, postal, telephone, hospital and gas workers threatened to spread to France's airlines, but unions have so far failed to shut down public services completely or attract workers from the

private sector. (Page 5) Telephones were still working Wednesday, trash was picked up and some postal service remained. Of the nation's 139 post offices, just 77 were hlocked by pickets on Wednesday, seven fewer than on Tues-

In another encouraging sign for the gov-emment, the franc has remained immune from attack by speculators on the foreign exchange market. (Page 11)

"It is necessary to continue the strug-gle," said Louis Viannet, head of the General Labor Confederation, or CGT, which is France's largest labor union and is closely aligned with the Communist Party.

The unious' protests planned for Thurs-day will test the strike's momentum. CGTled demonstrations on Tuesday drew about 700,000 people nationwide, but the turnout in Paris of 50,000 was considered relatively weak.

Workers at Air France and the domestic airline Air Inter also planned to strike on Thursday, and action by air controllers, which disrupted flights from Paris on Wednesday, was set to continue.

After a weekly cabinet meeting, the gov-

ermment spokesman, Alain Lamassoure, said the government "was in the process, since last night, of making a certain number

of exploratory contacts."

He said he hoped "dialogue" would end
the strike "as quickly as possible."

The unions are protesting the government's plan to freeze wages for 5 million public employees and cut their retirement benefits in an effort to slash a \$65 billioo budget deficit.

Force union, echoed Mr. Viannet's determination to stand firm against the government, but Nicole Notat, head of the French Democratic Labor Confederation, welcomed Mr. Juppé's offer Tuesday to discuss the terms of the budget overhaul with the unions.

Mr. Juppé stopped short of saying he would negotiate with the unions, which is what they have been asking for since transport workers started their strike Nov. 24. On Tuesday, Mr. Juppé forcefully re-

iterated his intention of sticking to the government's plan. 'France is at a crossroads," he told the

National Assembly. "France has to choose between change and decline." Financial markets were down early

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Natural Substances Said to Stop HIV Virus

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Scientists reported Wednesday that they had found several powerful natural substances that the body uses to stop the AIDS virus in its tracks. AIDS researchers said the discoveries. reported in two major scientific journals, could have profound implications for the prevention and treatment of infections with the human immunodeficiency virus, which

The notion that there were such substances was first suggested a decade ago hy Dr. Jay Levy of the University of Cal-

ifomia in San Francisco, but they had without becoming ill while others fall ill proved elusive and many scientists had within a few years of an HIV infection. doubted that they existed at all.

With the current reports, leading AIDS researchers say that new pathways are cine research what is it that a vaccine opened. The substances may be useful as treatments. They may also turn out to be a prognostic indicator - infected people who are producing little of the substances may be discoveries, experts were quick to add on a downhill course and require intensive therapy with anti-viral drugs. They may help explain why the virus never takes hold at all in some people who are repeatedly exposed to it through risky behavior. And they may explain why even among infected people, some live into a second decade

In addition, the substances might help explain the central mystery of AIDS vac-

But, while praising the potential of the

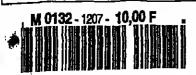
should elicit to protect against HIV in-

'From a conceptual standpoint, its very important," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. But, he cautioned,

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On Wall St., War Games

By Jay Mathews

NEW YORK — There was a pause as two dozeo Marine Corps officers and New York Mercantile Exchange traders, thrown together in an imaginative bit of military research, waited around the trading pit for

the opening bell. Prematurely breaking the silence, General Richard D. Hearney shouted out a bid. Veteran floor traders murmured their approval. "He jumped the bell," said one trader, "just like I do every day."

If war is hell, what better place to prepare for it than Wall Street? For two hours on Monday and two more hours on Tuesday, the men who trade crude oil and the men who fight wars tested idea was for the Marines to learn something

sudden gold fever or an Alaskan oil spill that could beip a colonel make rapid-fire decisions while stuck on a besieged beach-

The battlefield of the future will be very dynamic and very opportunistic, with high tempo and increased technology, said Colonel Tom Harkins, director of operations at the new Warfighting Laboratory at Quantico, Virginia. "There will be a lot of information, much of it incomplete. We want to see if we can glean something from

how the traders handle it." It is rare, experts say, for successful military establishments to look outside their barracks for ideas. It is even rarer to see Marine officers with severe haircuts and yards of battle citations risk making

fools of themselves in a civilian pursuit. Working on the trading floor of a futures exchange is the financial equivalent of themselves in each other's worlds. The hand-to-hand combat. But there are no purple hearts for ulcers, hypertension and bankruptcy. Armed with capital, traders from a trader's quick-witted reactions to

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A DAY IN COURT - Yigal Amir, the confessed slayer of Yitzhak Rabin. watching proceedings Wednesday as his trial was set for Dec. 19. Page 2.

AGENDA

Russian Airliner Lost in Far East

MOSCOW (Reuters) - A Russian plane with gg persons on board dis-appeared in the Far East on Wednesday and is feared to have crashed, an Emergencies Ministry spokeswoman said.

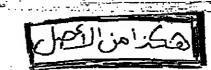
The spokeswoman said the Tu-154 craft had lost radio contact between Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk on the island of Sakhalin and Khabarovsk, where it had been due to arrive at \$:45 P.M. Moscow time. She said it was presumed the plane had crashed and local officials had been sent to investigate.

Clinton Vetoes Budget

President Bill Clinton vetoed the Republicans' seven-year plan for balancing the federal budget Wednesday.

While the veto had been expected, Mr. Clinton contributed an element of theater by vetoing the measure with the pen that Lyndon Johnson used to sign Medicare and Medicaid into law in 1965. (Page 3)

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New York City's Bold Mayor Tames the Monster

By John Tierney New York Times Service

TEW YORK — Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, not one to underestimate himself, feels a certain kinship when he looks at the portrait of Fiorello La Guardia that hangs behind his desk at New York's City Hall. "A really terrific role model,"
Mr. Giuliani calls the renowned for-

"He was the last reformer as mayor," Mr. Giuliani says, "For his time he captured exactly what New York City needed: somebody who can challenge the assumptions and is willing to be controversial."

Mr. Giuliani read a hiography of Mr. La Guardia during the 1993 campaign, and one of his first acts as mayor was to move Mr. La Guardia's desk and portrait into his office. It was a

presumptuous thing to do, but in his first two years Mr. Giuliani, a Republican, has fulfilled at least part of his mission. No mayor since Mr. La Guardia, who served from 1934 through 1945, has challenged so many assumptions and created so much controversy. Why, his critics keep asking, can't Mr. Giuliani disagree with people without insulting them? Why must be always be right,

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always in charge? Each new fight prompts new analyses of his character flaws, new predictions of doom for him and the city.

Yet somehow, despite all these flaws, he has accomplished more in two years than almost anyone imagined possible. Facing one of the worst fiscal crises in the city's history, he balanced two budgets while cutting taxes. The municipal labor force has shrunk, but the streets and parks are cleaner. Crime has dropped so sharply that New York is now one of America's safest cities. The city is reducing its welfare rolls and running the nation's

largest workfare program.

Mr. Giuliani hasn't yet reinvented New York's government, but be bas begun to re-shape it, and he has transformed the city's political debate. He has challenged the assumptions of big-city liberalism, the philosophy that dominated New York for six decades — ever since that other Italian-American reformer became mayor.

Mr. Giuliani inherited a city with high taxes supporting America's only municipal welfare state: one of every six residents on welfare, one of every five jobs in the public sector. The city is by far the leading landlord and employer, and it finances legions of private workers providing social services - one of New York's few growth industries the past decade,

Mr. Giuliani preaches less government and more self-reliance, not just for individuals but for cities -- what he called, in a speech earlier this year in Washington, a new urban agenda - one repudiating a liberal tradition dating to Mr. La Guardia and the New Deal.

Mr. Giuliani, who once planned to be a priest, shares Mr. La Guardia's conviction

By Michael Richardson

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of East Timor on Dec. 7, 1975,

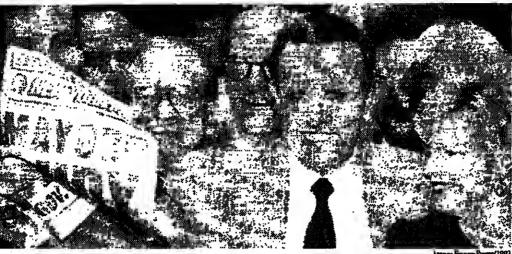
group seeking independence.

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the military problem it faced

supply.

But analysts say that by re-



Mayor-elect Giuliani heading into office in 1993; Mr. La Guardia bidding farewell after 12 years.

that there is a true path, that the world is divided into Us and Them, that the city's savior should be guided less by political ideology than by personal virtue.

He will undoubtedly be remembered for

leading the city through a historic transition, the Squeegee Watershed. Just two years ago it was considered routine for a visiting motorist, entering Manhattan via a tunnel but invariably stopped in traffic, to be greeted by a drug addict wielding a windshield wiping device — a "squeegee" — and demanding money. It may have been the world's most intimidating welcome ceremony. The squeegee men became a national symbol of New York's mean streets.

O MR. GIULIANI, squeegees epit-omized New York's moral decay. He made "squeegee" a buzzword in his campaign speeches about quality of life. Activists howled and newspapers published paeans to these hard-working entrepreneurs. Mr. Giuliani was called a bully for picking on them and ignoring the city's

"A civilized society can't let people go around the streets intimidating other people," he mused. "But a weird philosophical thinking had emerged about these quality-of-life issues. If somebody was urinating in the street, the reaction would be, oh, we can't do anything about that. And then the idea would start to develop that there must be some inherent human right to urinate on the street. So the police started ignoring all kinds of offenses. They'd even stand by when drug deals were going on. The police became highly skilled observers of crime.'

The police stopped observing under Mr. Giuliani's commissioner, William Bratton, and the impact has extended far beyond the squeegee men. In the past two years overall crime has dropped nearly 30 percent, and the rates of robbery and murder have fallen even more sharply, to the lowest level in 25 years. Crime rates started plummeting as soon as

the department adopted its new tactics: tracking crime statistics daily with computerized maps, sending extra officers immediately into trouble spots, giving local commanders autonomy and having officers crack down on offenses that used to be ignored, like painting graffin or drinking in public. One consequence of the aggressive police presence seems to be fewer guns on the street and therefore fewer sbootings. Another consequence is that neighborhoods feel safer, less out of control.

Mr. Giuliani's critics argue that the quality of life has declined in other ways, particularly for the poor. Because of budget cuts, there are fewer new books in libraries, less new equipment on playgrounds, longer waits at city hospitals delays in obtaining some social services. But considering the magnitude of the current fiscal problems — comparable with the 1975 crisis that devastated the city — it is remarkable that so many services and public spaces have been maintained and sometimes even improved. Surveys show that streets and parks are cleaner as well as safer, a fulfillment

of Mr. Giuliani's first campaign promise to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. He has made some progress on his second promise: shrinking the government and expanding the private economy. The municipal work force has fallen 8 percent since he took office and is still declining. The radio and television stations are being sold. Three city bospitals are on the market. The city has stopped being the landlord of last resort; it is letting private owners take over tax-delin-quent buildings instead, and it is unloading the 5,000 residential buildings it already owns.

RIVATE companies have replaced some city workers who pave roads, maintain parks, clean buildings and run homeless shelters. Now that they are competing against private companies, municipal unions that used to protect their turf at all costs are rewriting work rules and welcoming extra manpower from participants in the city's workfare program, which now has 23,000 welfare recipients employed in 25 agencies. These new workers have doubled the size of the labor force in the Parks Department. While they are getting experience, the city is getting labor that would otherwise cost about \$500 million a year.

"Giuliani deserves special credit for overcoming huge political obstacles," says William D. Eggers, an author of "Revolution



at the Roots," a book surveying municipal reform around America. "But he also has huge opportunities because the government is so bloated. After two years he's in the middle of the pack of the reform-minded mayors --- way ahead of Los Angeles, approaching Philadel-phia and Chicago, behind Indianapolis."

Mr. Giuliani forced the school custodians and sanitation workers to rewrite their lax contracts, and he bullied the transit and housing police into merging with the regular police force. But he settled for peace during the crucial negotiations with the teachers' and municipal workers' unions.

New York's economy seems to be recovering under Mr. Giuliani, but slowly, with a gain so far of 50,000 private-sector jobs. The tourist, media and computer industries are doing better, tax revenues and retail sales are up. The city is wooing megastores instead of keeping them out. But the city's taxes, reduced only slightly by Mr. Giuliani, continue to drive away businesses. The projected budget deficit for next year is nearly \$1 billion, which is encouraging only by comparison with the nearly \$5 billion in deficits over the Giuliani administration's first two years.

Mr. Giuliani's third promise was better schools. It remains unfulfilled. Disregarding the school board's autonomy, he forced Schools Chancellor Raymond Cortines to cut the staff at beadquarters and tried ordering him to fire his budget director. When that did not work, he hounded Mr. Cortines out of office and tried to install a successor whose main qualification was loyalty to the mayor. Two-thirds of New Yorkers disapprove of his handling the schools.

NEXT: On the road with a pugnacious, big-

Trial Is Set Dec. 19 For Rabin's Killer

Conspiracy Case Separate

TEL AVIV - Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of Prime offenses were also listed. Minister Yızhak Rabin, will go on trial for murder on Dec. 19.

A Tel Aviv district court set the date Wednesday and or-dered Mr. Amir held in custody until the end of criminal pro-

ceedings.

The case will be heard by a panel of three judges. Israel has no jury system.

The accused plotted the action for an entire two years during which he was completely absorbed in the desire, the intention and the decision to mur-der the prime minister," the prosecutor, Pnina Guy, told the

Mr. Amir, a 25-year-old Or-thodox Jew, was indicted a day earlier on charges of premed-itated murder. He faces life imprisonment if convicted.

"Is he pleading guilty or not guilty?" Judge Menachem Ilan asked the defense lawyers, Mordechai Ofri and Yonatan

Ray Goldberg.

''At this stage, it is hard for me to assess,'' Mr. Ofri replied.

''I must study the evidence.'' Mr. Amir has said in previous hearings that he killed Mr. Rabin to stop the peace process with the Palestinians and had no regrets. He shot the prime minister at a Tel Aviv peace rally on Nov. 4 and has reconstructed the crime for police video cameras.

Mr. Amir was also named in a separate indictment charging

spiring to kill Mr. Rabin and to attack Arabs. Several weapons

The three defendants in this case will be tried together in proceedings separate from Yigal Amir's murder trial.

The heaviest penalty carried by any single charge is 15 years' imprisonment. But the prosecutor said sentences could reach ''30 to 40 years' if she wins convictions on several counts and the court orders jail terms to run consecurively.

three defendants The laughed and smirked during the hearing. Yigal Amir, sitting behind his brother, teasingly raised two fingers behind his head and smiled at his family.

Hagai Amir and Mr. Adani were not charged as accomplices in the murder because they were not aware of Yioni

they were not aware of Yigal Amir's plan to kill Mr. Rabin on the day of the assassination, Justice Minister David Libai

The three suspects discussed a number of ways to kill Mr. Rabin, including pumping nitroglycerin into the water pipes of his family home in Tel Aviv and exploding a car bomb or firing an ann-tank missile at the apartment, the indictment said.

Hagai Amir and Mr. Adamy. were ordered held until Jan. 7, when the court will decide whether the second trial will be heard before one or three

judges. Earlier this week, a soldier was charged in military court him, his brother, Hagai, and a with supplying explosives to friend, Dror Adani, with con-

TRAVEL UPDATE

French Unions Step Up Disruptions

PARIS - On the 13th day of France's crippling public sector strikes, unions on Wednesday widened their offensive against government plans to overhaul the welfare system. Here is a summary of the main disruptions caused Wednesday,

or expected later in the week. Still no rail or Paris public transport services, Bus and Métro services restricted in main provincial cities. Stoppages to spread to Marseille, Nantes and Lifle on Thursday, Limited Eurostar trains between Paris, London and Brussels. Marseille, Nantes. Dunkerque and Saint-Malo dockers on strike. Ferry services from Calais, Dunkerque and Dieppe disrupted. Some trucking companies affected by strikes....

 Air France and Air Inter cabin crews expected to go on strike for 24 hours Thursday. Air controllers in regional centers are on strike, causing delays of one hour to 90 minutes on most flights out of Orly and Charles de Gaulle airports, Ground navigation personnel are expected to stop work Thursday.

 Widespread stoppages by local authority workers. Toulouse area providing minimum services after 90 percent of regional civil servants voted to strike. Bank of France expected to strike Thursday and Friday.

 Postal officials say 77 of 135 sorting centers have been closed and 43 disrupted. Several post offices are closed, and 17 percent of staff are on strike. The air mail sorting center at Orly airport has been out of service since Monday. The air mail sorting center at Charles de Gaulle is operating at 50 percent of capacity.

Pacific Isles Say Tests Hurt Tourism

SUVA, Fiji -- Island countries say underground French nuclear tests in the South Pacific have triggered a slump in

Although 3,850 kilometers (2,400 miles) west of France's Polynesian test site, Fiji claims to be one of the worst affected. "The French nuclear tests are costing Fiji millions of dollars in lost tourism earnings," said Bill Whiting of the Fiji Visitors' Bureau. "I wish there was some way we could sue the French government for the losses, which we expect to continue in the first

Diplomats in Nairobi are calling for increased protection for foreigners after a spate of attacks, many by gunmen trying to hijack luxury cars. Tourists are frequently robbed, and foreigners are advised not to wear jewelry on the streets or to stop at traffic

Unions grounded flights of the Belgian airline Sabena for the second day in a week Wednesday after talks with management failed to settle disputes over pay and working bours, officials said. The 24-hour strike started after Sabena management failed to resume collective bargaining.

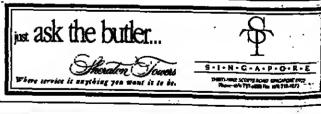
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An influenza epidemic has broken out in Moscow after a four-year lull, and medical students are to bolster staff at clinics, the head of the Moscow health department told Interfax news agency. More than 500 cases of flu have been reported. (AP)



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SINGAPORE - When In- a major spending program by forces Jakarta **NEWS ANALYSIS**

they expected quickly to pacify a small colony abandoned by roads, schools, health clinics Portugal after a brief civil war and other facilities in the longthat was won by a Timorese neglected territory. Twenty years later, Indone-

18 people - 2 rebel fighters and the military problem it faced 16 Timorese — had been killed from lightly armed guerrillas in increased fighting in East fighting for independence with Timor in the last three months, no external bases or sources of involving Indonesians and the

'Guerrilla operations have been greatly reduced but Jakarta still finds it necessary to place eight army battalions, together with other security forces, in East Timor," said Harold Crouch, an Indonesia specialist at the Australian National University in Canberra.

times higher than anywhere Diplomats in Jakarta said that contrary to announced

puans, indonesia had failed to reduce its military presence significantly in the territory and still had nearly 17,000 security personnel, including particular and various Timorese factions

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The military-to-population ratio in East Timor is many

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cerns about frequent reports of from Jakarta and the growing abuses, José Ayala Lasso, the number of Indonesian settlers United Nations High Commis-sioner for Human Rights, vis-making Timorese "second-class ited East Timor on Tuesday and

East Timorese leaders raised buman-rights issues with Mr. Ayala Lasso in an impromptu meeting in his botel room in Dili on Tuesday night, Reuters reported Wednesday

["I told him about human rights violations here and how the situation needs improve- leaders who met Mr. Ayala Lasment." Manuel Carascalan, an so on Tuesday. "They must East Timor parliamentarian and one of the four leaders who met the UN envoy, said by tele-phone from Dili. "I also expressed my hope the United Nanons will belp improve the state of affairs in East Timor."]

Mr. Ayala Lasso, who also met local military, government and religious leaders, is expected to report his findings to the United Nations, which does not recognize Indonesian rule over East Timor and considers Por-

citizens in their homeland."

Competition for jobs is being aggravated by religious tensions, chiefly between Catholic Timorese and Muslim Indonesians. "Indonesia must be aware

that a political issue like East Timor will never be resolved on military terms," said Florentino Sarmento, an aid worker in Dili and one of the Timorese come to realize that East Timor is not a problem for just us hut

for the whole of Indonesia." Mr. Sarmento said problems in East Timor were "destroying" Indonesia's international image and all the positive things that bad been achieved since Jakarta started its development program in the terri-

Yet President Suharto seems determined not to appease local feelings by granting special au-tonomy to East Timor, or hy conceding the right of self-determination.

Milton Osborne, a former personnel, including policeDespite being at odds in the Jakarta was worried that if it be could not tol
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such groups in Indonesia.

donesian political scientist, said that although East Timor had "become a hig foreign policy image problem" for Indonesia, it was not possible for the govemment to be flexible on the issue of sovereignty.
President Suharto recently

appeared to toughen his policy

hy telling Muslim organiza-

tions that they could establish branches in East Timor. He also ruled out the possibility of auterritory's integration into Indonesia was irreversible. Indonesia's staunchly anti-Communist government decid-

ed to take over the colony after Fretilin, the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, made a unilateral declaration of independence from Portugal on Nov. 28, 1975. After Communist victories earlier in the year in Vietnam. Cambodia and Laos, the In-

organization. Mr. Suharto, a former army general, said after East Timor was incorporated as Indone-Australian diplomat, said that sia's 27th province in 1976 that Despite being at odds in the Jakarta was worried that if it be could not tolerate "a Cuba in

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donesian military claimed that

Fretilin was a pro-Communist

After 20 Years, an East Timor Morass for Indonesia Qatar Skips **Gulf Talks**

MUSCAT, Oman - Qatar boycotted the closing session of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council on Wednesday, expos-ing rifts in the Gulf's Arab

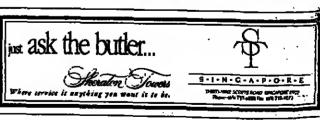
Differences among the alliance members have traditionally been suppressed in a display of unity by the wealthy oiltonomy and indicated that the producing states.

territory's integration into In
But Qatar's emir, Sheikh

Khalifa ibn Hamad al Thani, ended that custom when he became the first leader to walk out of a summit meeting, apparently to protest against the final communiqué. It included harsh language

against Iraq and announced the appointment of a Saudi national, Jameel al Hujilan, as the group's new secretary-general. Oatar had earlier insisted on having the post as it felt underrepresented in the alliance's

administration, based in the Saudi capital, Riyadh. It was not immediately clear whether Qarar's walkout was an indication of its complete withdrawal from the alliance.



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Rubin's Hush-Hush Tactics

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said the administration had found new, though legally untested.

methods of keeping the government solvent "at least through January," giving the Clinton administration considerably more breathing room in its budget standoff with Congress.

While Mr. Rubin would not discuss how long he could drag

out his fiscal balancing act, other officials said that lawyers with the Treasury and Justice departments had been trying to devise a legally defensible strategy for sidestepping the \$4.9 trillion limit on borrowing, set by Congress, well into the spring.

"A lot of it is open to challenge, because the U.S. government has never had to do this before," one official said.

Mr. Rubin declined to say what method the Treasury had

chosen to keep the government paying its bills and the interest

In the past, he has kept his strategy close to the vest, for fear

that congressional Republicans would try to block him in

their effort to force President Bill Clinton to choose between default and their budget priorities.

So far the Republicans have not launched a court challenge

to the administration's efforts to avoid the debt ceiling, which is set annually by Congress. But congressional Republicans say they are clearing the path for such a move. (NYT)

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Whitewater committee said Wednesday that he would subpoen a the notes a presidential aide took in a two-hour Whitewater meeting.

Alfonse M. D'Amato, the chairman, said "the White House has refused to give up" the notes of a former associate White House counsel, William Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy testified Tuesday to the committee that he had been instructed by the Chintons' personal attorney and the White House not to disclose what went on in the Nov. 5, 1993, meeting.

Mr. Kennedy and three other presidential aides attended

Mr. Kennedy and three other presidential aides attended the Nov. 5 meeting, which took place in the office of the

Clintons' newly hired personal attorney, David Kendall. The

purpose of the meeting was to hrief Mr. Kendall on White-

water matters. The issue is whether the attorney-client priv-

"Every American has a right to receive private advice from a lawyer," a White House spokesman said. (WP)

WASHINGTON - Republicans on the House ethics com-

WASHINGTON — Republicans on the House ethics committee have proposed naming an outside counsel in the investigation of Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia and the House speaker, but remained at odds with Democrats on the panel over how broad the counsel's authority should be, according to sources familiar with the proceedings.

The offer came after new ethics questions arose about Mr. Gingrich. Last week, documents in a Federal Election Commission civil anti against GOPAC, a political action committee Mr. Gingrich once headed, suggested the group had violated federal election laws and indicated a link between GOPAC contributions and Mr. Gingrich's official activities.

GOPAC contributions and Mr. Gingrich's official activities. Mr. Gingrich has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. (WP)

Representative Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of New York, on Republican plans for quick House action to repeal the ban on assault weapons: "A sudden assault weapons vote

in December would be nothing more than a sneak attack. The

American people are entitled to a full, fair and orderly debate, not an eleventh-hour vote on a phantom bill." (LAT)

Three explosions ripped through a steel plant in Ohio,

injuring 14 workers, just as federal investigators were lnoking into an earlier accident. It was the fifth major incident at AK

Steel Corp. in Middleton in the last 20 months. The ex-

• Thousands of toy vehicles, aquatic animals, baby bottles and meal sets made by Imperial Toy Corp. of Los Angeles and sold from 1993 to April 1995 are being recalled because they can break into pieces and possibly choke children. (AP)

A white supremacist was executed in Michigan for stab-

bing a black prison inmate to death with an ice pick in 1984,

Robert Earl O'Neal Jr.: 34, was killed by injection after a final

A judge ordered Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

not to destroy any files that Mississippi officials hope will

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D'Amato Plans to Get Tough

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and principal due on government securities.

Clinton Vetoes Republicans' Budget-Balancing Plan

suring health care for the elderly and

Wednesday vetoed the Republicans'

seven-year plan for balancing the bud-"I am using this pen to preserve our White House negotiating on another within sevcommitment to our parents, to protect commitment to our parents, to protect plan to balance the budget within sevopportunity for our children, to defend en years, as the Republicans demand. the public health and our natural re-

an Oval Office ceremony. The White House promised that Mr. Clinton would offer his own seven-

year budget formula on Thursday. Mr. Clinton argued that the plan passed by the Republican-controlled Congress squeezes too much money

WASHINGTON — Borrowing a matize that point, he vetoed the bill of movement in the week-old budget pen that Lyndon Baines Johnson used with the same pen that Mr. Johnson talks. years ago to sign legislation as used to sign the Social Security Act amendments of 1965, which created sides in the budget battle have already

"We must balance the budget but many domestic programs. sources and natural beauty, and to stop a tax increase that actually undercuis the value of work," Mr. Clinton said in keep our people together," the preskeep our people together," the pres-

> "With this veto, the extreme Republican effort to balance the budget through wrong-headed cuts and mis-placed priorities is over," he contin-

The president's promise to offer his

from Medicare and Medicaid. To dra-own seven-year plan was the first sign

Mr. Clinton is likely to suggest smaller tax cuts and more savings the poor, President Bill Clinton on Medicare and Medicaid Mr. Clinton's from welfare, corporate tax loopholes veto was a foregone conclusion. Both and other programs than he proposed six months ago. In addition, according moved on, with Republicans and the to an administration official and a conpressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity, he probably will call for smaller spending increases for

> "We had better see some seriousness of purpose on the other side," he

> Republican negotiators have demanded a detailed seven-year propos-

in the process of preparing a seven-year later to reduce the cost plan, the White House chief of staff, When the new admini you know, this isn't an easy process."

An administration source said Mr. Clinton would offer \$49 billion in wel-Clinton would offer \$49 billion in wel-fare savings, \$15 billion more than he casts are more optimistic than the conalled for in June, but far less than the gressional agency's and would require epublicans wanted.

\$475 billion less in savings over seven On Medicare and Medicaid, Mr. years to eliminate the deficit. Howcalled for in June, but far less than the Republicans wanted.

ings he called for in June — \$124 bers are expected to narrow the gap. billion from Medicare and \$54 billion The Republican plan would trim from Medicaid. The Republicans want taxes by \$245 billion. The Republicans \$433 billion in savings from the two programs.

The administration official said the

new White House plan probably both programs drastically. The Re-would contain a smaller tax cut than publicans' savings, however, are meaal, and until now Democrats had in- the \$98 billion, seven-year reduction sured differently from Mr. Clinton's, sisted on working from a broad-brush, Mr. Clinton proposed in June and making a direct comparison difficult.

10-year budget-balancing outline that might delay the effective date of a Mr. Clinton presented in June. "We are \$500-a child tax credit until 1997 or

When the new administration plan Leon E. Panetta, said Tuesday. "As is unveiled, its economic projections will be a point of contention. It will be based on estimates by the White Clinton has not budged from the save ever, the updated congressional num-

also proposed saving \$270 billion from Medicare and \$163 billion from Medicaid, as well as reconfiguring

Goldmans Seek Data

Los Angeles Times
LOS ANGELES — Lawyers for Fred and Kim Goldman have filed an aggressive motion seeking information about O. J. Simpson's finances "and the profits Simpson has gained by virtue of the murders" of their son, Ronald L. Goldman, and Nicole Brown Simpson, Mr.

guilt "beyond a reasonable

suspicion of guilt."

a \$29.95 video proclaiming his innocence, The Associated Press reported Wednesday, quoting a report in the New York Daily News.

Finances

Petrocelli alleges that "Simp-son callously stabbed and slashed Ron and Nicole to death outside Nicole's condominium in Brentwood.'

wealth is not publicly known. At one time, it was estimated to be about \$10 million, but that was before he incurred approximatecludes necessary bank informaly \$5 million in legal expenses: tion, and include it with their The motion is scheduled to

■ Video Deal in Works

Such refunds generally will be received within three weeks. IRS officials also said the igency would continue to have its forms and publications

pany as soon as some wellknown personality agrees to appear with him in the two-hour video, to be titled "O.J. Speaks Out," the newspaper quoted a

Mr. Simpsoo would receive \$3 million upon completion of brary of all tax regulations with sell it, and up to \$10 million if the tape sells well, the source told the Daily News.

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On Simpson

Simpson's former wife.
The Goldman family lawyer. Daniel M. Petrocelli, contends. that his clients are entitled to such information because there. is a "substantial probability! that he will prevail on a punitive damage claim in their civil wrongful death case against Mr. Simpson given the facts already introduced in Mr. Simpson's criminal trial. Mr. Simpson was acquitted in October on charges that he killed Mr. Goldman and Mrs. Simp-

The standard of proof in the civil case — a "preponderance of the evidence" — is considerably easier to meet than the burden faced by Mr. Simpson's prosecutors in the criminal case, in which they had to prove

Despite the acquittal; Mr.

Because the criminal case already was tried, the Goldmans' lawyers have a wealth of information to buttress their motion, as well as judicial rulings by the municipal court judge who bound Mr. Simpson over for trial that there was "ample evidence to establish strong

The extent of Mr. Simpson's

be heard on Dec. 19.

The form will be included in most Form 1040 and 1040A Mr. Simpson is negotiating a multimillion-dollar deal to sell

Mr. Simpson hopes to sign with a Los Angeles-based com-

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Foreign Workers **Bring Pesticide Suits** Chemical Firms Targeted

By Diana Jean Schemo

New York Times Service NARANJAL, Ecuador — Half a lifetime ago, when Mario Chiquita Brands and Dole Brito Dumas was a young man Food. with a bride and a peasant's modest dreams, he tended the lush banana plantations outside Naranjal. If he had any plan, it was the common one that keeps years: he would grow fruit to imals. The ones who produced feed the foreigners, and raise a this chemical bear absolute refamily with the money he sponsibility for this disaster."

bananas' export to the United States, but it also killed pigs, frogs, birds and other creatures that drank water running from

What Mr. Brito and the other men who worked with this powerful new chemical could oot guess was that it was also 20,000 workers, said that exdestroying their chances to

In 1977, the chemical, dibro-mochloropropane, or DBCP, was found to cause sterility in men working at an Occidental Petroleum plant in Lathrop, California, prompting an immediate ban on its use in California, and sharply restricting its use else-

But U.S.-based food growers continued to use the furnigant in countries without the U.S. standard of environmental, legal and occupational protections. And now, emerging from the anger, the ruined marriages and childless houses across the globe, about 25,000 workers from 12 developing countries are suing manufacturers and

Contending that they were without any warning that the duced in laboratory animals pesticide could cause sterility

MEXICO CITY — A Swiss rosecutor said Wednesday that

illegal bank accounts in the

to drug money-laundering op-

Switzerland's federal prose-

cutor, Carla del Ponte, said in Mexico City that Raul Salinas

Salinas de Gortari, had several

police had discovered were used to launder dirty money.

"A penal process has been

opened against two Mexican cit-

izens for suspected laundering of money linked to drug traf-

ficking." Mrs. del Ponte said in

a statement read at a news con-

ference by a Mexican official.

de Gortari, brother of Carlos

president of Mexico were linked money from illegal bank ac-

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unit of Royal Dutch/Shell along with Del Monte Fruit,

"Even though they knew the risk of the product, they didn't use it in their own country,"
Mr. Brito said, "but they used it
here in the Third World, despite a man toiling through his best the damage to burnans and an-

The manufacturers deny that But a few years after his first they sent the pesticide overseas son was born in 1972, Mr. after 1979. They also point out Brito's plantation began using a that they followed all U.S. laws pesticide both miraculous and terrible.

It killed off a microscopic worm that would prevent the vironmental Protection Agency. And that is perhaps the most unbearable element of all for people here, for no U.S. law

prohibits exporting chemicals that are banned from use in the United States Charles S. Siegel, a lawyer who represents more than ports of DBCP to Africa and Ecuador continued at least until 1981, two years after the Environmental Protection Agency banned its use in the continental United States, and to the Philip-

pines until 1986. "They sent the product to Latin American countries as if they were a toxic dump, without where in the continental United regard for the health of the people living in them." said Guillermo Touma, an Ecuadorean who

organizes farm workers. When the forerunner of DBCP was developed in the 1940s, it was hailed as a solution to the pests that were killing many U.S. crops.

Scientists at Shell and Dow, which developed DBCP independently, sent the relevant research data to Washington, but suggested in discussions and memos with federal officials exposed to a known hazard that the effects the chemical proelevated levels of cancer and and possibly birth defects and shriveling testicles — would cancer, the workers are suing probably not occur in humans.

ON THE ROAD - Vice President Al Gore laying bricks Wednesday at a building

project in Lenasia, South Africa. The project was set up last year with a U.S. grant.

Press 4, Now, to Pay Taxes IRS Begins Paperless Returns Over Phone

By Albert B. Crenshaw

WASHINGTON - American taxpayers with simple fi-nancial situations will be able to

Revenue Service. Of Laundering Drug Cash the agency's efforts to eliminate or reduce the paper in-volved in the billions of trans-

Last week, the IRS an-nounced that it would offer dithe wife's brother, who were arrested in Geneva on Nov. 15 name of the brother of the former wheo they tried to withdraw

The agency is also planning to expand greatly the information, forms and publications

"The investigations have found that large amounts of money linked to the aforementioned crimes were deposited in different Swiss banks," the Swiss bank accounts that the statement said. "It was discovered that the beneficiary is Rail

Salinas de Gortari." Mr. Salinas has been in a murder charges. He also is being investigated on charges of forgery and illicit enrichment when be was a civil servant during his brother's administration.

counts totaling almost \$84 mil-

lion and held by Raul Salinas.

file paperless tax returns over the telephone beginning in Jan-uary, according to the Internal Salinas's Brother Accused The program is the latest in

actions it has with taxpayers Appareotly she was referring to the wife of Raúl Salinas and

rect deposit of tax refunds to most taxpayers.

available on-line to people with personal computers. Telephone filing, which began as a test in 1992, will be available to single people with no dependents and with in-

comes of less than \$50,000. To be eligible, taxpayers must have filed a return last Mexican jail since February on year and still be at the same address. And they must use a push-button telephone to file. The IRS estimates that 23

million taxpayers could use the

program, known as Telefile, must file a Form 8888 Direct though it actually expects about Deposit of Refund, which in-3 million to do so. Taxpayers who the IRS be-lieves are eligible to use Tele-

file will get a special packet, including instructions and a personal identification number, with their tax forms this year.

There will also be a form to help the taxpayer assemble the occessary data and work out the

the agency said.

asked questions.

available on the Internet.

Also available on the com-

puter network will be tax tables,

earned income tax credit tables

and rates, and a collection of

answers to the most frequently

be versions of the service's big general guides to personal and

Further material on-line will

The taxpayer then calls the telephone oumber included in the packet, keys in the personal identification number and other information and learns the amount of refund or tax owed.

The whole thing should take about 10 minutes, the IRS figures, although, of course, if tax is owed, a taxpayer will still have to mail in a check.

"Filing taxes doesn't get any easier than this," the IRS commissioner, Margaret Milner a plain English summary of Richardson, said in a state-Until recently, only those who filed electronically could

get direct deposit.

means that taxpayers who file paper returns can receive re-

funds electronically.

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Seoul Inquiry Turns to Allegations of Kickback on U.S. F-16s

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mer defense minister Wednesday about allegations that General Dynamics Corp. paid former President Roh Tae Woo a huge kick-

back on a contract for F-16 fighter jets.

The allegations, previously denied by the American company, are an outgrowth of an expanding political scandal in which Mr. Rob has been jailed and indicted on charges of accepting bribes for awarding lucrative government contracts.

If convicted in a court procedure that starts Dec. 18, Mr. Roh would face 10 years

SEOUL—Prosecutors questioned a forgetions that General Dynamics and other dubious "donations" an from domestic business executives.

But about \$104 million remained unaccounted for, strengthening persistent al- 16s, prosecutors said. legations that Mr. Roh also got kickbacks Korean arms procurements and hid the money in Swiss bank accounts.

world — were found to have been im- namics; and Kim Jong Hwi, Mr. Roh's plicated in the political slush fund scandal. former security adviser, who allegedly was but only 12 were under indictment.

After nearly two months of investigation, prosecutors said that most of the \$654

The former defense minister, Lee Sang Hoon, who held the post from 1988 to The former defense minister, Lee Sang eral Dynamics.

General Dynamics for switching a decision to buy F/A-18 fighter jets from McDonnell Douglas in favor of General Dynamics F-

Han Ju Suk, a former head of the air from foreign companies involved in South force joint chiefs of staff, was also questioned Wednesday.

Prosecutors said they plan to question Prosecutors said that 35 industrialists — Mr. Lee's successor, Lee Jong Koo; the a Who's Who of South Korea's corporate head of the Seoul office of General Dya middleman between Mr. Roh and Gen-

Mr. Kim left for the United States when

Falls Church, Virginia, won the \$5.2 bil-lion contract for 120 jets, South Korea's biggest single arms procurement project. Mr. Roh's administration failed at the time to explain its sudden reversal, prompting persistent allegations of undue influence.

Chung Yong Hoo, who served as air force head under Mr. Roh, has said he was confined in a military hospital and forced to

Secul first investigated the scandal in 1993, in 11 banks in Califibut the government inquiry found no Roh's presidency.

Now opposition legislators have brought out fresh allegations that Mr. Roh collected as much as \$100 million to \$150 million in kickbacks from General Dynamics.

The suspicion that Mr. Roh deposited the alleged kickbacks in foreign and other secret bank accounts arose after his daughter, Roh So Young, and her husband were convicted in a U.S. federal court in 1993 for violating currency laws.

retire after he insisted on the F/A-18s.

They were given suspended one-year string of the purished for corruption when cash into the United States and depositing it in 11 banks in California in 1990 during Mr. Roh's presidency. (AP, AFP)

Seoul Party Changes Name

SEOUL — The governing party of President Kim Young Sam changed its name on Wednesday, signaling a desire to break with a country past after the arrest and detention of two former heads of state.

The Democratic Liberal Party will now be known as the New Korea Party, a party statement said.

A party Central Executive Council meeting Wednesday picked the new title, which will be formally approved at the party's national convention in

Ex-Japan Minister Arrested for Graft

A Scandal Over Loans

cion of playing a key role in a scandal over illegal loans involving two failed financial institutions.

Livew Frontier Party is mainly constituted of former LDP members who defected in 1994.

Mr. Yamaguchi turad binstitutions.

the 55-year-old member of Parliament used his political influence to arrange a loan of 2.7 billion yen (\$27 million) by two failed credit unions to a golf course management company run by his sister in 1994.

He is said to have arranged the loans even though the company did not have enough col-lateral for a loan that size.

"Yamaguchi, the suspect played a leading role in the il-legal loan scandal," Deputy Chief Prosecutor Tatsuo Kainaka said after arresting Mr. Ya-

Despite adamant denials of involvement in the scandal, Mr. Yamaguchi resigned in February as deputy chief of the New Frontier Party, the main opposition group. He later left the party and is now an independent member of Parliament.

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TOKYO — Japanese prosecutors on Wednesday arrested a former minister of labor, Toshio Variantees of labor, Toshio Variantees of labor, Toshio Variantees of labor, The New Frontier Party is made to the Liberal Democratic Party.

self in to the Tokyo District Prosecutors say they believe Public Prosecutors Office for his arrest on Wednesday after-



Toshio Yamaguchi, left, being driven to jail on Wednesday in a Tokyo police car.

Japan Group's Ad in U.S. Paper Would Revise WW II

was not a "sneak" attack, and that the 1937 Rape of Nanking by Japanese troops in China did not take place, members of

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whether The Times had been approached and bungling by Japanese diplomats. aration between advertising and news. Just as the news department was shielded from advertisers' interference, so were advertisers guaranteed confidentiality, Mr.

people," said the group's leader, Shinji March 1994 and claims 100,000 mem- by Japanese soldiers.

The proposed text of the ad, under a an advertisement in The New York Times York Times department that passes on the headline that reads, "Dear American on Thursday, the anniversary of Japan's acceptability of prospective advertise-attack on Pearl Harbor, denying that the ments, said he could not comment on tack as the result of a misunderstanding

Hawaii for the attack. Photos also are used as evidence that there were no atrocities during the Rape of Nanking. Pictures of Chinese speaking with Japanese soldiers are meant to prove that the two sides got along well. Chinese historians say that as many as 300,000 Chinese were butchered

Hong Kong Tamil Guerrillas Reassured By Chinese

Agence France-Presse HONG KONG — China offered new assurances on Wednesday that no shadow government will be set up in Hong Kong before the handover of the territory in 1997.

Zhou Nan, head of Xinhua news agency, which is China's de facto government represende facto government representative in Hong Kong, said in Beijing on Wednesday that China's Preparatory Committee on Hong Kong, to be set up early next year, "will not act as a second power center."

It will "handle only matters as a second power center."

It will "handle only matters as a second power center."

To surrender our weapons in the face of military occurrence Hong Kong, to be set up early next year, "To surrender our weapons in the face of military occurrence Hong Kong, to be set up early next year."

To surrender our weapons in the face of military occurrence Hong Kong, said in said the rebels had no choic, said the

verts to Chinese sovereignty in July 1997 after 150 years of British rule.

On Monday, Xu Ze, head of the political affairs department of China's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, offered similar assurances.

He said that the preparatory committee and the administration of the territory were two "totally different things," which could exist without ham-

pering each other's work, China has already declared that three-tier government in Hong Kong will be abolished, apparently in retaliation for re-cent electoral changes.

Reject Amnesty

COLOMBO — Tamil Tiger lam to lay down arms and end separatists rejected on Wednesday President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's offer nation. "The government will of amnesty in exchange for dis-

Lawrence Thilakar, a Paris-

concerning Hong Kong after pation is asking us to surrender our rights," Mr. Thilakar said. "The government is asking Tamils to live under the Sinhalese military domination, un-der the military subjugation."
"I don't think Tamils with

dignity will wish to live under military occupation, losing their aspirations for the survival of Tamils as distinct people," he said

Mrs. Kumaratunga offered an amnesty Wednesday to Tamil Tiger cadres if they would disarm. She appealed to displaced minority Tamils, who make up about 17 percent of Sri Lanka's population, to return to their homes.

'I invite all members of the

negative and exaggerated reports were giving

The statement said critics - including the

the two-year-old government a "bad repu-

press, nongovernmental organizations and in-

ternational organizations — were spreading

"slanderous" and "inaccurate" information

and the Cambodian people. "It's easy to crit-

icize, to report, to give opinions, but it is very difficult when you build or you implement

efforts to get results," said the unsigned state-

international press in recent weeks for what

foreign observers, including such organiza-

tions as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, describe as a deteriorating hu-

The prosecution in Seoul demanded a 20-

year prison term for Lee Joon, 73, owner of a

shopping mall that collapsed in June, killing

501 people and injuring 900. Mr. Lee is

Hong Kong flew 113 asylum-seekers home to Vietnam on Wednesday, the largest group to be repatriated since forced expulsion

The government has taken a beating in the

about Cambodia.

man rights situation here.

For the Record

charged with negligence.

She made the offer a day after

based spokesman for the Lib- the armed forces raised the Sri eranon Tigers of Tamil Eelam, said the rebels had no choice but to "continue with the resistance against military occu-

Deputy Defense Minister Amruddha Ratwatte admitted that the civil war was not over despite the army's success in Jaffna, a campaign that cost 2,500 lives.

"This is not the end of the war," the official said. The war which has gone on since 1983, and according to the

than 50,000 lives. "We transformed our peace program into a battle for peace only in order to defeat attacks against peace," the president said. "We have today achieved. a victory in the first phase of that battle, but we still have a

long way to go to win a durable The Liberation Tigers, fighting for a homeland for minority Tamils in the north and east, broke off a truce in April. They have refused to discuss Mrs. Kumaratunga's "peace pack-age," offering some autonomy

to the Tamils. 'Our battle was not waged by one group of citizens against another," the president said. "Our victory is not one by which one community subjugates another. Our struggle was waged to prevent the division of

"The world community, which isolated Sir Lanka, criticized us and saw on savage terrorists with no respect for humanitarian values is today in full support of our govcriment's program of peace,

She also appealed to those displaced by the fighting and now camped out south of Jaffna —estimated by some aid workers to number as high as 500.000 - to return home.

"Although some of you may have agreed to accept the authority of a terrorist regime," she said, "today you have been offered the supreme opportunity to free yourself from the bondage of intolerance and terror."

"You do not need to continue any more with the sacrifices you have made with the blood and lives of your chil-dren," she continued. "I invite you in all sincerity to rise up once again as a proud people living within a free democratic and united Sri Lanka."

The government flag-raising ceremony capped a government offensive begun Oct. 17. It was the army's biggest assault in 12 years of war.

Analysts say the fall of Jaffna, while a military success, marks the beginning of a logistics nightmare for the government in building a city infrastructure from scratch and winning the allegiance of frightened returnees. It may also set off guerrilla

attacks elsewhere in the country, they said. (Reuters, AFP)

TOKYO — A Japanese conservative yen (\$61,000), roup said Wednesday it intended to run Robert P. Smith, manager of the New group said Wednesday it intended to run nation was at fault in World War II.

"We are running the ad as part of our efforts to restore the pride of the Japanese

A full-page ad, placed by the Youth by the Japanese group or whether The Liberal Party, would state that Japan's Times would publish it. He said it was the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, newspaper's policy to keep a strict sep-

The Youth Liberal Party was formed in

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Saito. He added the ad cost 6.2 million bers across Japan. The group has one yen (\$61,000), member in Parliament.

It features a photo of a Japanese aircraft

carrier flying a battle flag as it approached

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Indian Strains U.S. Ties

NEW DELHI - An Indian cabinet minister's charge that the United States has 'evil . designs" in Kashmir has added to strains in relations that had been warming, diplomats said Wednesday.

Dement to Parliam Home Minister Shankarrao Chavan on Monday that Washington was fomenting trouble in the northern state of Jammu and that Kashmir was the latest example. "The disturbing part is Chavan got a standing ovation," a Western diplomat said.

Mr. Chavan, a nationalist who is regarded as being close to rightist Hindu groups, has previously accused Washington and the Central Intelligence Agency of interfering in India's affairs, a charge played down by the Foreign Ministry. The new accusation about Jammu and Kashmir was dismissed by the U.S. Em-

Japanese Discuss Arms

TOKYO — Japanese ministers began con-sidering Wednesday a defense program for the coming five years, including the deployment of FSX fighter planes developed with the United States. The prototype of the FSX, which is an improved version of the F-16 produced by McDonnell Douglas Corp. of the United States, was completed in October and its understates. is undergoing test flights.

The Nihon Keizzi Shimbun reported that

the defense agency wanted to deploy 60 FSX fighters as well as four long-range transport planes capable of in-flight refueling and two

Officials are also seeking 90 advanced

Cambodia Rebuts Critics

ernment lashed out at its critics Wednesday. "Shenzhen has created a miracle unmatched making public a five-page statement that said in any other place in the world." (Reuters)

began four years ago. **VOICES** From Asia

Fidel V. Ramos, president of the Philip-pines, on the Association of South East Asian Nations, which will meet next week in Bangkok: "ASEAN is the cornerstone of our Officials are also seeking tanks, an improved anti-submarine helicopter, five submarines, an upgraded rescue plane and new surface-to-air missiles, the newspaper re
(AFP)

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Fidel Castro, president of Cuba, quoted in the Shenzhen Special Zone Daily, a Chinese PHNOM PENH — The Cambodian gov-ment lashed out at its critics Wednesday. "Shenzhen has created a miracle unmatched

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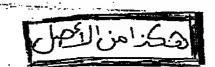
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French rail workers at a strike meeting in Caen on Wednesday. President Chirac after the cabinet met in Paris.

Parisians Angry, but Mainly at Regime

By Meg Bortin
Special to the Herold Tribune

PARIS — "It's the same as Mururoa — they set off a bomh without consulting anyone and worry about the consequences ing into the biggest French later," said the advertising exprotest of this generation.

In the biggest French reals people with contempt. Parisians are questioning the legitimacy of a strike by civil ecutive as he inched his car through the heart of strike-

spent two bours making a 30- staging rotating strikes at hoskilometer (20-mile) drive from the suburbs, he voiced under-standing for strikers who have sales are way down. brought France to a crawl for

strike," said a chie woman at unions before presenting what read out against the backdrop more." the wheel of a new Peageot, nearly everyone agrees is a of a tropical garden. 'Here the unions strike first and talk later. It's the only way to get anything done," she said with a shrug and a smile. Tolerance of the strikes ex-

pressed even by people like I understand the strikers," said these - people who say they back Prime Minister Alain startling aspect of what is turnprotest of this generation.

The urban transit shutdown is forcing hundreds of thousand of people to walk, cycle, hitchhike or skate to work. Virpitals. Some factories are lay- address the nation. ing oil workers. Chrismas

The strikes are being atpainful but much-needed re-

"It's a terrible situation, but

a lawyer, bitter over Mr. fessor of linguistics. "They're Juppe's handling of the labor trying to set Frenchmen Juppe's plans to reform the so-cial welfare system — is a right would be able to improve things, but this government

Resentment toward the govbound Paris.

Like many Parisians, he was angry at the government he helped elect. Although he had said orderties are said of people to walk, cycle, its slowness to communicate once the strikes began. The Métro stoppage was in its second week before Mr. Juppé ployed businessman. "The went on television Tuesday to

nearly two weeks "In Germany, they talk first government's failure to conand if that doesn't work, they sult sufficiently with the ment has been a brief statement doesn't make sense any-

cial security medical-care and retirement system.

call by the ruling party for dispose curity are retirement system.

call by the ruling party for dispose pattle for them. to form and-strike committees.

against one other."

Even as they criticize the government, however, some servants who, at a time of high ernment only increased with unemployment, are often por-

unions won concessions for address the nation. them; retirement at age 50, a store. Supplies are running. As for resident Jacques 15m month of pay, then a 14th short. I mostly business, But Chirac, who flew to Africa for month and a 15th month. I oppose what the governa Francophone summit meet. Maybe that made sense once.

a tropical garden.

Criticism has also rained back the strikers, say they are form of the deficit-strapped so- down on the government over a grateful that civil servants with job security are fighting this



in Paris and of course it makes But he balanced that by noting me mad," said a young that the right of others to work shopowner. "I run a grocery ment's doing, and I'm willing to put up with the hardships." Industrial action as a nego-Paris, feelings could sharpen

tiating tactie is so fundamental in France that, after an estimated 700,000 people denion strated across the country Tuesday, even Mr. Juppé tipped his hat to "the right to strike" as "one of the liberties "I look at what's happening guaranteed by the Republic."

was also a basic freedom. As the strike drags on and directivities increase in an unusually cold December in

on both sides. When it was nice out last week, you could make the best of a bad situation," said a woman who now walks 10 kilometers and back each day from her suburban home to her job. "Now that it's cold, and thinking of all the people in bardship, it's not funny.

Chirac and Kohl to Show the Way

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany plan to set out a common view on the future of Europe in a joint letter before the EU summit meeting in Madrid next week, a French government spokesman said Wednesday.

The leaders are to meet in Baden-Baden, Germany, on

Thursday. The letter will be sent to Prime Minister Felipe González of Spain, whose country holds the presidency of the European Union. He will lead the Dec. 15 and 16 meeting.

Mr. Chinac was quoted as telling the cabinet "that the chancellor and he had fairly easily reached agreement on the terms of this letter." But diplomatic sources said the proposals for the intergovernmental conference were likely to be fairly vaguely couched, since there were still significant differences between Paris and Bonn.

Free Democrats Reaffirm Rexrodt

BONN - The Free Democratic Party dampered resignation rumors swirling around Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt on Wednesday by unexpectedly giving him a renewed vote of confidence.

But the party's chairman, Wolfgang Gerhardt, hinted that Mr. Rexrodt's respite might be short. Mr. Gerhardt said the party could still reshuffle some cabinet posts after members vote on a wiretapping law in mid-December.

Italy Court Upholds Aide's Ouster

ROME - The Constitutional Court on Wednesday upheld a parliamentary no-confidence vote that forced the ouster of Justice Minister Filippo Mancuso and nearly brought down the government.

The Oct. 19 Senate vote was the first time since 1890 that an individual minister in Italy had lost a no-confidence ballot and the first time ever under the country's postwar republican

Austrian Race Too Close to Call

VIENNA - Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and the conservative leader Wolfgang Schilssel tied in a bruising tele-vision debate, and surveys Wednesday said the general election scheduled this month was too close to call.

Opinion polls carried out immediately after the confrontation Tuesday night were unable to separate the two front-runners before the Dec. 17 vote, called when the 11-monthold coalition failed to agree on next year's budget. (Reuters)

European Union events scheduled Thursday: BRUSSELS: Meeting of EU transport ministers.

PARIS: The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, meets with the French president, Jacques Chirac.

BRUSSELS: Conference on drugs in Europe.

BADEN-BADEN, Germany: French-German summit meeting should announce an initiative on the vision of the Maastricht treaty.

LONDON: Leon Britan, commerce commissioner, speaks at the China/Britain Trade Group's annual dinner. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

EU Nears Approval of Pact With Turkey

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - The European Union's planned customs union with Turkey appeared on the verge of legislative approval on Wednesday as more members of the European Parliament softened their human-rights positions and came out in favor

The growing support in Parliament, which a few weeks earlier looked set to reject the accord because of the imprisonment of scores of Kurdish opponents of the Turkish government, reflects the success of a determined campaign waged by national EU governments and by Turkey. They have warned that a rejection would

"We still have strong reservations about the situation in Turkey," said Wayne David, a deputy chairman of the Socialist group, the largest party bloc in the Eu-ropean Parliament. But he added, "A 'yes' vote is a far more positive step than to slam the door shut in Turkey's face."

Members of Parliament also said they had been encouraged by the amendment of Turkey's anti-terror law and the subsequent release of 123 of 146 people, mainly Kurds, detained under that law. They indicated they would demand annual reports to monitor human rights after the customs union takes effect oo Jan. 1.

Turkey is through the closer economic and retain power in Turkish elections on Dec.

Mrs. Ciller bluntly warned the European Parliament last month, saying that a reiection of the customs union would "give the upper hand to the fundamentalist forces

in this country and in the region."

Mr. David and other leaders of the British Labor Party in the European Parliament, which dominates the Socialist group, agreed unanimously at a meeting Tuesday evening to endorse the customs union. The full Socialist group debated its position Wednesday and was expected to follow suit.

Members of the Liberal party group, the chamber's third-largest hloc, were also expected to endorse the accord after their isolate Turkey and strengthen the hand of Islamic fundamentalists there. They have argued that the best way to support greater democracy and respect for human rights in Ciller and her True Path Party as she tries to that it would vote for the customs union.

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

Instead of Prayers, Calls for More Beer

While other aging churches and chapels in the German countryside stand empty and abandoned, Bernd Nackas is proud to say that his, in the town of Willingen, is full seven days a week. But the only prayer you will hear within its walls is for another stein of

Sold by church authorities for 100,000 Deutsche marks (\$70,000), Mr. Nackas's establishment is now a bar. Where the altar was, cus-

Andreas Papandreon of Greece

The 76-year-old leader, who

with the "total or partial" aid dition.

has been hospitalized since

Nov. 20, continues to breathe

of a respirator, according to a

medical bulletin from the Onas-

sis Cardiac Surgery Center.

tomers stand with drink in hand. "Many a priest would feel blessed if his church was as full as mine," Mr. Nackas told the weekly Focus.

Church attendance in Germany has fallen for years only 6.6 million of the 56 million Protestants and Roman Carholics attend regularly. Combined with the post-World War II movement to-ward the cities, this has left rural parishes depleted.

two people," says Matthias Borchert, the priest in the vil-lage of Rollenhagen, "it's not particularly pleasant for the pastor or the worshiper." Since the war, some 60 houses of worship have been offered

Around Europe

said Sunday that he hoped the

operation would not be neces-

sary in view of some improve-

ment in Mr. Papandreou's con-

eral state of health remains sta-

ble," a statement from the clin-

"The prime minister's gen-

Portuguese voters who

Papandreou, on Respirator,

ATHENS — Prime Minister cheotomy — in which an open-ndreas Papandreou of Greece ing is cut in the windpipe — to

underwent a tracheotomy help him to breathe better.
Wednesday to allow him to
The deputy head of the Onas-

breathe more easily, his doctors sis center, Grigoris Skalkeas, d

The builetin said Mr. Papandreou's team of doctors had decided to extend the use of the support. He was admitted with

respirator, and had deemed it pneumonia. (AFP, Reuters)

Undergoes a Tracheotomy

candidate for the presidency. Carlos Ferreira says his 24 years of waiting tables at one of Lisbon's finer eateries; the restaurant at the Tivoli Hotel, have shown him he has what it takes. "I've studied Lech Walesa, Felipe González, Mário Soares and many others" over their meals, he told The Sunday Times of London. "I don't see why I shouldn't be able to do the job as well as them." Or better than President Soares, whom "When you hold service for

he hopes to succeed. He thinks his rough and humble upbringing on Lisbon's streets helped give him the strength of character and simple honesty the Portuguese want.

Lest the smallest victims

like a service-oriented ap-proach to government might

want to consider a dark-horse

of France's strikes be overlooked, Lionel Antoine is bravely speaking out. President of the League for the Protection of Crickets, founded in 1992, be notes that the closing of Métro lines in Paris has lowered temperatures in subway tunnels, endangering the insects. Crickets had already suffered from the changeover from gravel ballast (which offered them refuge) to concrete under subway tracks, and a law banning smoking in pub-lic places, which has largely deprived them of a favorite snack - cigarette butts. Mr. Antoine contends that the threat to the lowly cricket is sufficient reason to restore at least partial Métro service. If it would help end the strike, no doubt other Parisians will rally International Herald Tribrou

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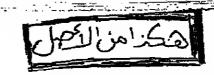
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French Economic Surgery

Like the Republican Congress in and to attack unemployment, which how-washington, the French government has ers around 11 percent. proposed huge spending cuts to reduce complish its surgery over about two years, rather than the seven the Repub-

Little wonder, then, that France's public employees have gone on strike, crippling Paris for almost two weeks by shutting down mass transit and reducing telephone and mail service. On Tuesday, thousands of woers marched through the city in an effort to force the government to back down.

French citizens, who have tried to get on with business, are unhappy that the government they elected to energize the economy and generate more jobs has adopted policies that in the near term are adopted policies that in the near term are installed to receive inst the opposite.

The distribution in France may give otherwise be used to fend off recession.

brought fiscal austerity upon themselves when they decided in 1992 to drop the franc and adopt a single European currency. European Union rules stipulate that countries that adopt the single currency must bring their monetary and fiscal policies under right control — for example, reducing their deficits below 3 percent of gross domestic product by 1998. France's deficit is now above 5 percent.

Prime Minister Alam Juppé proposes to meet the deficit target by raising taxes, reducing France's high welfare benefits and lengthening the oumber of years public employees must work before becoming eligible for retirement benefits. Over the long term. France would need to

America has no particular stake in how the federal deficit. Only Paris would acquickly France deals with its deficit, or even whether the franc survives. America's interest is a prosperous France and a prosperous Europe, and the best way to assure that is to knock down trade and investment barriers, which the European Union is already doing. That does not

require a single currency.

A common currency does have political appeal. France has long maintained that the best way to keep Germany tied to Western Europe is to imbed it in European institutions, including a European currency that would also replace the Ger-

The dislocation in France may give other countries pause about a common currency and the economic discipline that goes with it. The coalition governing Austria collapsed in October over disagreements about how to cut its deficit. Now France's President Jacques Chirac is under pressure to pull back and reconstitute his government.

The architects of the EU underestimated the pain of reaching their goal. But the troubles in France and new doubts about a single currency need not unravel the vision of a united Europe. The most important steps are already being taken, and can continue, whatever France and other nations ultimately conclude about their tolerance for the pain of one currency.

Don't Cry for UNIDO

One of the little UN agencies no one to look more critically at the international but the bureaucrats and the beneficiaries knows much about appears to be doomed. But let the tears be brief. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization was born in the 1960s. First question: Why? Did not the United Nations already funnel help through the well-endowed World Bank and International Monetary Fund and other sources? Yes, but the big banks were controlled by the industrialized countries that financed them. The Third World - or, as many of its members called themselves, the oonaligned nations — wanted institutions of

Thus was born an organization (now with a staff near 1,000 and a budget near \$200 million) in a pleasant, industrially developed place (Vienna) that was destined to gain a reputation for lacking both strong self-discipline and effective international oversight. Even an arguably redundant and self-indulgent agency no doubt sprinkled some useful expert advice around here and there. But UNIDO became best known as a problem agency providing high-paying jobs yet making no substantial or distinctive contribution to its dedicated goals.

As the times changed and others began

agencies, UNIDO inevitably came up for review. UNIDO's founding ideology, based essentially on a call for redistribution of world resources, weakened in the 1970s and was overtaken by the spread of free-market thinking in the 1980s. In many quarters, it was identified not as an instrument of economic reform but as itself a target of institutional reform. This took place not just in an American Congress souring on foreign aid and the United Nations - even Canada dropped out.

The newly announced American de-cision to withdraw from UNIDO marks the end, although reformers within the agency hope otherwise. An American government under stern congressional pressure no longer undertakes to pay its dues or its arrears. The default on arrears

is troubling in its own right.
It says something about UNIDO's perceived place, however, that 95 other members have yet to pay their dues this year, 13 paid in part and only 56 paid in full. The modernizing of the international machinery is a constant requirement. It is a hard but necessary way to focus limited resources and to ensure not only greater service but greater public support as well. —THE WASHINGTON POST.

Guns No One Needs

Ever since Congress voted in 1994 to ban certain assault-style weapons and guns with high-capacity magazines, there's been a move among certain members to repeal the ban and return America to the days when you could stock up on firearms that have no great use other than to kill people. To hear it from this caucus, life without an assault weapon at the ready has been a dangerous time for the citizenry. But ask almost any group of law enforcement authorities — those who deal most directly with criminals - and the response is just the opposite: Assault weapons pose a serious threat to those

officers on the front lines. On the first anniversary the other day of the assault weapon murders of two FBI agents and a Washington police officer, a report issued by Handgun Control Inc. detailed the extent to which these firearms and accessories play a part in the killings of law enforcement authorities. It found that when makes and models of weapons could be identified, 36 percent of the shooting deaths of officers involved assault weapons or guns sold with magazines covered by the ban.

The National Rifle Association likes to argue that these weapons are not used with much frequency against authorities. which - even if it were true - is no great reason to have them in general circulation. But such weapons are disproportionately involved in these fatal shootings. Ask Police Chief Larry Soulsby of Washington how he feels about allowing assault weapons on the market. He is a strong supporter of the ban - and little wonder. Whatever happened to those bumper stickers that say: "Support Your Local Police"?

The police officers, sheriffs and other authorities have made it clear time and again that they do oot oppose the use of firearms for hunting, sport or home pro-tection — but they have said that assault weapons have no place in this mix. Is life without assault weapon sales that difficult? Or, for police officers, isn't

staying alive more likely? -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Fried Chicken in India

What is it about fast food and capital cities? Foreign businessmen have for years been complaining about China's lack of due process, but it remained a somewhat academic debate until Beijing authorities reneged on a long-term lease held by a local McDonald's. Ditto for KFC in India, which has found itself the lightning rod for the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party's economic nationalism. One month ago, KFC's first Delhi outlet was closed after city inspectors discovered two flies in

But now an Indian court has overturned that decision, and KFC seems set to bring Colonel Saunders' popular brand of chicken to all parts of India. This is welcome news indeed, less for KFC than for India itself. For it was clear

from the start that the fight over KFC had nothing to do with standards of health and everything to do with politics.

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Clinton's 'Mother Teresa' School of Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — In the wake of President Bill Clinton's vigorous diplomatic efforts to bring the war in Bosnia to a close, his foreign policy is getting a second look, with a lot of analysis concluding about the Clinton foreign policy what Mark Twain once said of the music of Wagner: It's not as bad as it sounds.

In the midst of this revisionist mood, the journal Foreign Affairs will publish next month a provocative analysis by Michael Mandelbaum, who teaches at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and argues that the Clinton foreign policy really is as bad as it sounds.
His thesis is that the Clinton policy is

congenitally flawed because it never identified U.S. national interests abroad after the Cold War, but instead tried to conduct foreign policy by "the standards of Mother Teresa," trying to "turn American foreign policy into a branch of social work." Whereas previous U.S. administrations were preoccupied with the dangerous and powerful nations at the core of the in-

ternational community - Russia, Japan,

China and Germany — the Clinton team, he contends, preoccupied itself with re-

By Thomas L. Friedman

lieving suffering and oppression in nations on the periphery: Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti. In each case the administration's objective was not to pursue U.S. national interests - traditionally defined as those issues that could affect American lives but rather to promote American values.

The problem the administration ran into in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, writes Mr. Mandelbaum, was that ending their misery required deep, costly engagements in their tangled internal politics. The Clintonites assumed, wrongly, he argues, that "they could take the political capital the public had furnished for 40 years to oppose the Soviets and put it to uses they deemed more virtuous." But when faced with the real costs of healing Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, the administration found

it didn't have the public's support, so it balked, leaving it with three frascoes. After these initial disasters, the ad-ministration ended up using force in Haiti and Bosnia, but the motivation was not just social work, he says, but bolstering the administration's political standing,

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

Both the Haiti and Bosnia interventions achieved a measure of success, but it was provisional and easily reversible in both cases. Because these interventions lacked the support of a majority of Americans. the administration could not stay in Hairi — and won't be able to stay in Bosnia long enough to really get the job done and

secure a stable new order. The reason for that lack of support is because in neither Haiti nor Bosnia are vital delbaum argues.

'As in Haiti, the chief purpose of an American expeditionary force in Bosnia will be to leave as soon as possible, with as few casualties as possible, rather than to do whatever is necessary, for as long as necessary, to keep (or make) peace," he writes. In Haiti and Bosnia, be adds, the exit strategy is the mission. That is, the mission is to show up and leave, not to stay until the goals are fully achieved. This argument is important because it

reminds us of something we've forgotten: During the Cold War there was no dis-

"which was suffering from the failure to resolve these problems." and the national interest. Social work was nation-building and nation-building was nation-building and nation-building was the national interest. America engaged in nation-building — from the Marshall Plan in Europe to Vietnam — because it was deemed essential for halting the spread of communism, which could hurt us all.

By both accident and design, President Clinton is testing a new thesis: that after the Cold War he can pursue an ambitious social-work agenda abroad, even though it doesn't affect the nation's vital interests. That is why so many Americans feel am-U.S. national interests at stake, Mr. Man- bivalent about Haiti and Bosma: They want to do good works, like Mother Teresa, but they won't sacrifice their blood without the

threat of Stalin on the other side. Mr. Clinton's gamble is that he can split the difference: get enough public support to do a little good, for enough time, to make a reasonable difference in a place that's not really that important. If the price of the Clinton policy in Bosnia is just money, he has a chance to succeed. If it turns out to be blood, the

underlying contradictions and public ambivalence will destroy his policy and possibly his presidency.

Top Two Politicians Take a Principled Gamble on Bosnia

WASHINGTON — Perhaps we Americans are not so cynical about politics as to miss a remarkable development in the

last week: The country's two leading politicians have both acted against their obvious political interests in pursuit of a policy that might not work, but has to be tried. That's what both President Bill Clinton and the Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole, have done on Bosnia.

Neither President Clinton nor Senator Dole is exactly noted for ignoring the political implica-tions of his actions. Yet here was Mr. Clinton shipping 20,000 troops off to a foreign country for a mission many Americans clearly oppose. The truly cynical argue that this, too, is a political move, since the president didn't want to get blamed for inaction if Bosnia were beset with even more disasters in 1996. And there's nothing like a little bit of strength on a difficult foreign policy issue to win unaccustomed accolades for fortitude.

But as political a creature as Mr. Clinton surely realized that American voters could live more easily with additional Bosnian

deaths than with new American

deaths. In any event, Mr. Clinton's new engagement with Bosnia probably won't gain him much among those who have long favored an assertion of American power there. They regard Mr. Clinton as a sellout who dragged his feet for years and is now com-

plicit in carving up Bosnia and rewarding Serbian aggression. On the other hand, all who wanted to stay out of Bosnia in the first place will attack yet another about-face. And Mr. Clinton is acutely aware that an earlier Democratic president committed to a large agenda of domestic reform found his presidency ruined by a commitment to a faraway foreign country. Bosnia and Vietnam are different, but Mr. Clinton's risk is not unlike Lyndon Johnson's.

The cynical camp also has its explanations for Mr. Dole's decision to support the president's mission. For one thing. Mr. Dole's support is highly qual-ified. He has been careful to assert that he is supporting American troops, not Mr. Clinton's policies. If the thing goes badly, Mr. Clinton will get most of the

blame. In the meantime, his stance looks a lot more "pres-idential" than the carping of his Republican primary foes.

Mr. Dole also won exceptional political cover when his decision was supported by Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, a Phil Gramm supporter, critic of intervention in Bosnia and Viet-

nam hero and prisoner of war. But here again, cynicism exlains either too much or too little. Mr. Dole has a long history of political consistency on Bosnia, calling for a stronger American role there long before most other people did. His criticisms of President George Bush's Balkan policies were at least as tough as his attacks on Mr. Clinton's. Mr. Dole was manifestly uncomfortable with his initial bit of trimming after Mr. Clinton's Bosnia speech precisely because be knew where he would come out in the end. As Mr. McCain put it about Mr. Dole's decision: "From a purely political standpoint, it was probably difficult, From a philosophical standpoint, it was not as difficult as it looked."

pounded his own risks by in- is back. For such anti-intervensisting that the price of his support for Mr. Clinton will be efforts to arm the Bosnian government so it will eventually be

able to defend itself. And it's utterly clear that the vast majority of rank-and-file Republicans despise this Clinton policy, in large part because they despise Mr. Clinton and do not regard him as a proper comman-

der in chief. But the important political is-sue here goes beyond Mr. Clinton and relates more to "high" than "low" politics. The widespread opposition to Mr. Clinton's Bosnia policy inside the Republican Party is not just the result of raw electoral calculation. It is also a sign that the end of the Cold War has led a lot of Republicans - not just Pat Buchanan - to reembrace the party's anti-inter-

ventionist tradition.

Before World War II, before America's major foreign enemies were Communist, most conservative Republicans saw foreign military intervention with the same suspicion they accorded to comparable "big govemment" projects at home. With the Soviet Union gone, that view

tionists, Mr. Clinton's Bosnia peace force is a perfect example of the sort of soft-headed foreign policy they despise.

In acting as he has on Bosnia, Mr. Dole is not only taking a large short-term risk in the Republican primaries. He is also trying to keep alive his party's alternative tradition — associated with Mr. Dole's own hero, Dwight D. Bisenhower --- of hipartisan support for American assertion abroad. Paradoxically, the survival of that tradition now rests heavily on Mr. Clinton's ability to pull off his Bosnia intervention. If Mr. Clinton's gamble fails, it is unlikely that anything remotely like this operation will happen again soon, let alone

win bipartisan support. It is thus far from automatic that a Clinton catastrophe in Bosnia will be good for Bob Dole, and that is the final problem with a purely cynical view of what Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton have at stake here. Having taken comparable risks, these two politicians have a shared interest in being proven not foolhardy but courageous - and also right.

Beyond the Balkans: NATO Confronts Its Long-Term Challenges

Moreover, Mr. Dole has com-

BRUSSELS—As 1995 draws to a close, NATO faces its biggest challenges of the new era. Implementing peace in Bosnia is larging the alliance will have the

greater long-term effects.
Since the January 1994 decision to open the alliance, followed by this year's study, the process has moved ahead steadily. At Tuesday's meeting of the North Atlantic Council, NATO's foreign and defense ministers heard the reactions of candidate countries to their individual study briefings and decided on the next phase. The candidates, many now with reinforced credentials due to their participation in the peace implementation force, continue to request rapid decisions, and renewed pressure is being exerted by their supporters inside the alliance. Nevertheless, ministers

OS ANGELES — In Peoria, Illinois, last week at Caterpillar Inc., the United Auto Work-

ers union gave up after 17 months, ending the longest U.S.

strike of the 1990s — with no gain whatever for its 8,700 members.

In Seattle, 32,500 members of the

International Association of Ma-

chinists and Aerospace Workers

are still holding out after nine weeks on picket lines at Boeing

in what could be the most im-

portant big strike of the 1990s -

The voices of management and labor, and of academics and stock

ing profits for our shareholders. If

we have to put jobs and technology

in other countries, then we go ahead and do it." Peter Chap-

man, president of McDonnell

ferring technology [to China] and

- Michael Zimmerman, presi-

today. Boeing used to make tail [parts] for the 737 in Wichita, but

they moved the work to a military

factory in Xian, China. Is this

Boeing's definition of free trade,

to have American workers com-

pete with Chinese labor, making

\$50 a month under military dis-

cipline?" Bill Johnson, pres-

ident of Machinists Local 1. "The Machinists strike is re-

we have sufficient technology."

dent of Boeing China.

"We are committed to trans-

Douglas's Chinese subsidiary.

"We're in the business of mak-

analysts sound like this:

largement is to strengthen the the immediate challenge, but en- move to democracy and universal values, and to foster stability in the former communist countries. But the two basic problems have not gone away: radical opposition by Russia, and the danger to the cohesion and credibility of

the alliance. Although the commitment is firm, the overall aim must be maintained - stability in Europe depends in the final resort on a strong NATO.

A Few Words on the Working Stiffed

By Richard Reeves

Stanley Holmes, labor reporter of the Seattle Times.

filling that joh is freed to do some-

thing else.... How many have the

talent to become a Steven Spiel-

berg, a Jane Austen or an Albert

Einstein? ... New technology will

offer people a new means with

which to express themselves. The

information highway will open

undreamed-of artistic and scientific opportunities to a new generation of geniuses." — Bill

Gates, chairman of Microsoft and

America's richest man.
"The Caterpillar strike is a big

balloon that just went poof. If I

represent management, and the

workers want to organize, I can

tell them: "Look at what hap-

pened at Caterpillar. What good does a union do for you?"" —

Neil Bernstein, professor of labor

ration, the union and the political

system are increasingly dis-

trusted because they seem to

have different interests than the

people who work for a living."-

Stanley Aronowitz, professor of

labor studies, City University

surprise of both the company and union leaders, when workers vot-

The Boeing strike began, to the

of New York.

"People are going to have to

law, University of St. Louis.

"This export of technology and jobs is why we're on strike do it at the bottom. The corpo-

ally a debate about who gets to ed down an agreement between

participate in the American their bosses and their leaders.

dream in the 21st century." — What the workers saw was a pro-

"Each time a job is made un-

essary, the person who was

Russian objections fall into two categories. To the simpler members of the Russian public, the new applicants seem merely to be changing sides, and con-sequently they see a military organization they have long considered their enemy growing larger and more powerful on their should proceed with cantion.

By Frederick Bonnart

is excluded is hard to stomach. Russian policymakers know they cannot stop this process, but they expect consideration in return for grudging acquiescence. Although NATO clearly cannot accept a veto oo any of its decisions by a nonmember, a close cooperation relationship is being established that has been further encouraged by the recent agreement on Russian participation in the Bosnia operation. Objections to enlargement will continue, but, provided the scope is limited,

they will oot be insuperable.

The other obstacle is far greater: NATO cannot absorb a large number of new members without losing its character. In

gression that drove their jobs farther and farther away. In Seat-

tle skilled members average

\$17 an hour; non-Boeing em-ployees making Boeing compo-nents in Foley, Alabama, aver-age \$8 an hour; non-Boeing

employees making Boeing com-

ponents in Poland average a little

over \$5 an hour, non-Boeing em-ployees in Mexicali, Mexico,

than half (52 percent) of its jet-plane components to be "out-

sourced." A good chunk of that is

likely to be with foreign govern-

ments or companies that demand

that higher and higher propor-

tions of manufacturing and as-

sembly be done by their workers

rather than Americans. More than

70 percent of Boeing's orders

now are foreign - most of that

coming from poorer countries de-

termined to get the jobs that build

The United States, of course, is

deconstructing its middle class in

the name of more corporate pro-

ductivity and profits. If used to be

and higher standards of living. But

that is not true anymore — unless

In Peoria, by the way, after the

UAW called off the Caterpillar

strike, a company vice president

named Wayne Zimmerman an-

nounced that the company would

not necessarily be taking back the

strikers, saying: "An immediate

return to prestrike staffing of

nearly a year and a half ago is simply not practical."

Universal Press Syndicate

you are Bill Gates or a genius.

middle classes.

By 1998, Boeing expects more

average \$1 an hour.

more than 46 years, it has ac- depots and so on, must be situated phisticated observers, the pres- reach to the east has been highly ence of former (and lesser) allies successful: 27 countries have in an alliance from which Russia signed up for the partnership for signed up for the partnership for peace, 11 of which want to join the organization as full members. Accession will not be easy. The

study sets stringent conditions of democratic achievement, particularly in civilian control of the military establishment. The cmphasis on costs, both to new members and to NATO, will also have a chastening effect. Prospective candidates have

more immediate claims on their national purse, and so do the allied countries, whose Parliaments will have to ratify each accession.

However, the drive toward accession is generated not only by security requirements, but even more by the need to be accepted as true members of the Western democratic community. This urge will have to be satisfied by the alliance. Signs of steady progress will therefore have to be evident.

The choices now facing NATO. are difficult and delicate. Politically, it would be comparatively easy to admit just one country. But the reaction of the others would be outrage and could have serious adverse effects. It would also be technically more difficult, as enlargement necessarily involves considerable changes to NATO's military structure.

Headquarters, as well as infrastructure assets such as air defenses, communications networks

quired only four new members, at on the new territories. Such costly The declared intention of en- doorstep. But even for more so- well-spaced intervals. But the out- programs should therefore be a one-time exercise, covering whole group of countries.

Nevertheless, collective accession should not be considered as a first step. Any new member will naturally have full co-decision rights and complete security cover. But acceptance of the first new member - for instance, the Czech Republic, probably the most qualified - could consist largely of political participation. The military aspect could be limited to persomel integration, without any infrastructure or relocation efforts.

At the same time, the next step, to take place a few years later, should also be prepared. This should be the accession of Poland and Hungary, accompanied by the extension of the military structure to all three. Internal disruption and the concomitant costs would thus be kept to a minimum.

The presentation of this plan as a whole would assuage possible wounded feelings, at least in the first group of countries. NATO would have to make clear to others that absorption takes time and that further expansion could not be considered in the near future.

This gradual approach would satisfy the demands of immediate candidates and reassure the others, without stimulating antagonism and suspicion in Russia. It would also ensure that NATO remains Europe's essential security

guarantee. International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Paris Riot Bill PARIS --- Who is to pay the bill?

that is what the tradesmen whose shops were wrecked during the riots in the Latin Quarter, more than two years ago, are still asking in vain. The City says it is for the State to settle the account while the State tries to throw the responsibility on the City. The trou-ble all arose out of a ball held at the Moulin Rouge which outraged the common sense of propriety. In said that such things led to higher a moment the Latin Quarter was up in arms; the police made too conspicuous a display of authority and a revolution on a small scale broke out. When it was all over there was a bill for 33,000 fr.

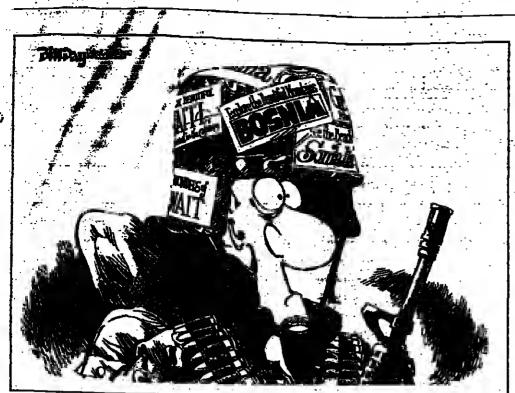
1920: Armenia Report

HELSINGFORS — An official Moscow claims that a revolution has taken place in Armenia and

Government was driven out of Erivan and the armed forces placed themselves at the disposal of the revolutionaries. "The eternal hate of Armenians and Mohammedans," the news agency proclaims, "has been turned into fraternal solidarity." Telegrams of greetings and congratulation have been exchanged with Lenin.

1945: Free Trade Paper WASHINGTON - The United

States, backed by Britain, proposed that the nations of the world act collectively to break down international trade harriers and promote full employment. In a White Paper issued simultaneously with the announcement of the British-American foan agreement, the United States strongly opposed high tariffs, trade preferences and Bolshevist news agency in cartels. Conceding that "no government is ready to embrace fruit trade in any absolute sense," if a Soviet Republic. On Dec. 2 the



How Americans Royally Erred

WASHINGTON — In re-cent years, I've had a mounting suspicion that the United States blundered badly 200 years ago when it not only declared independence but also having seen the logic of con- of great offices has never really chose an austere republicanism that dispensed with the ceremonial functions of monarchy.

entrust the theater of politics to workaday politicians?

strange. I recall wondering, when I was younger, why T. S. Eliot, the 20th century's great-est poet, found it useful to proclaim himself a "royalist in politics" as well as a classicist in literature.

I am not a royalist in the Eliot that it may still be useful to mold. But I can't help feeling that the American political system is now the worse for lacking an institutional outlet, apart from the presidency, for the urge chy in Victorian times) from the Wales, Mrs. Patrick Campbell to venerate. Wouldn't the syspolitical ones, but insists that said, "I don't care what they do, tem work better with an impartial head of state who, stand- as demonstrated by countries ing above party and ideology, could absorb and reflect the yearnings of the lonely crowd and disentangle the veneration of symbolic authority from prac-

tical issues of public policy? If we still had a head of state to speak of family values (and embody them more convincingly than the politicians and pundits who speak of them so much), we could get on with the mundane work of democracy, such as balancing budgets.

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

stitutional monarchy when he vindicated the early American To admit this feels a bit ing," as he puts it, "what range. I recall wondering, Americans' forebears understood long ago: republics are under a golf green. better than monarchies; monarchism and its philosophical ally, aristocracy, are dead ideas that deserve to stay dead."

Mr. Dionne acknowledges separate the "dignified functions" of government (as the life behind the palace gates. British journalist Walter Bagehot called the role of the monarthis can be done in other ways, with a ceremonial president and a political prime minister.

Mr. Dionne ignores the stronger arguments. When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) braved the German bombing of London in World War H, or when King Christian X of Denmark led the resistance to the Nazi deportation of Danish Jews, monarchy enjoyed inspiring vindication.

Nor does Mr. Dicane, in re-Believing all this, I was naturally interested in E. J. the press, discuss the central Dionne's challenging piece issue—the capacity of tabloid "Forget Monarchs and Make journalism and trash television foicing at the royal scandals in

to render even the most sedate stitutions ridiculous.

The frailties of the Prince and Do With Workaday Politi- Princess of Wales are hardly cians" (Nov. 30), Mr. Dionne, new; and besides, the efficacy demanded perfection of those was a student in England, says who occupy them. Admirable he is now thankful that the mis- in their ways, Charles and Di-Independence was in-evitable. But was it desirable to of England's royal family has ineut victims of the new prurigrist for frivolous and reckless heedless as a burrowing mole

> For that matter, none of the junior Windsors matches such predecessors as Henry VIII, Charles II, George IV or the Edwards VII and VIII for amorous scandal. The difference now is that we know about

Speaking of the mores of the circle of Edward VII as Prince of so long as they don't do it in the street and frighten the horses." Today, thanks to publicity, the horses are very frightened. People may differ about the

role of the symbolic in democratic politics. What seems indisputable is that the "dignified functions" are essential to public confidence in authority. Indeed, we may not have the

hroury of choosing. Every form of institutional authority, royal and republican alike, is in trouble now, and it is conceivable that both constitutional monarchy and traditional republicanism will perish together of the impish iconoclasm of the age. Washington Post Writers Group.

A Chinese 'Autonomous' Region Where Colonialism Lives

NEW YORK — Alas, atlases no longer have blank spaces where lost worlds may yet lurk. But there are gray patches, notably in inner Asia, which have long been closed to visitors.

roughly the size of Alaska, covering 600,000 square miles (1.6 million souare kilometers).

Xinjiang (pronounced shin-jhang)

MEANWHILE

means New Territories, alluding to its 18th-century conquest, which doubled imperial China's size. It also meant incorporating a troublesome minority, the Uighurs (pronounced wee-gurs), a littleknown group of Turkic-speaking Musof new Islamic republics in former Sosumably inform on others).

At the train station near Turfan, nearnority among Xinjiang's 13 million inhabitants, the region is officially designated as autonomous.

By Karl E. Meyer

weeks in the region quickly learns that autonomy has its limits. Granted, as High on this list is what is grandly official guides emphasize, many Uighur called the Xinjiang Uygur antonomous traditions are tolerated. Couples are region in western China, a huge arid area legally permitted two rather than one child per family, the limit elsewhere in China. This is illustrative of an oft-heard saying. "The mountains are high and the emperor is far away."

> The Uighurs have periodically risen against Chinese rule. In 1985, angered by weapons tests in Xinjiang's deserts, they dared to mount China's first nuclear iety. Now Beijing contends with two jiang opens to tourism and investors.

commercial capital, Urumqi, once for- zone: Beijing's. biddingly remote, now boasts an oil boom, two four-star hotels and train walls fall, ethnic dissonance can no longer be hidden.

inhabitants were 96 percent Uighur. But time 'in making arrangements. when we were taken to a jade factory, to Beijing is far away, but not forgetful. coax hard currency from our purses, there was a prominent poster in Chinese on the wall. It described a local riot in learn Chinese. As guides always point which dozens were injured protesting the out, Chinese rule has given Xinjiang arrest of a Muslim cleric. It promised that roads, schools and factories. protests. Hence there is a persistent anx- no charges would be brought against any workers who went to the police to acfreshly disruptive developments, the rise knowledge that they took part (and pre-

and a trickle of foreign visitors as Xin- ly all signs were in Chinese characters, as was the posted schedule, not very esignated as autonomous.

I was among 20 people on an arts- helpful to the Uighur majority. But the relic in a museum bell jar.

But a foreigner who spends two oriented Silk Road tour that stopped in most conspicuous evidence of central

The New York Time.

Kashgar, Khotan and other formerly in-accessible cities. The region's thriving since all China is bound by one time

In Kashgar, thousands of miles from Beijing, the absurd result is the city is links to Alma-Ata in Kazakhstan. As old dark almost until noon. Hotel patrons rising at 8 A.M. find desk clerks fast asleep in lobby chairs. To get around In Khotan, for example, our guides this, Kashgar's 200,000 people, 90 per-accurately noted that the city's 180,000 cent of them Uighur, specify "local this, Kashgar's 200,000 people, 90 per-

Doubtless a single time zone suits the convenience of the leadership in Beijing, as does its insistence that Uighurs

But to an old hand, this has a familiar odor. Just those arguments were invariably invoked by Western colonialists. and the Soviets, to justify dominion over

other remote peoples. In China's Xinjiang Province, the ethos of colonialism past survives, like a

The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Place of Asylum

Regarding "Europeans Are Shutting the Door Ever Tighter inent victims of the new pruri-ence that makes all private lives However, the difficulty is not The office of the UN High with asylum-seekers — people exposure. Press prurience is as in need of protection — but also ready to cooperate with

> economic opportunities. It is because legal immigration is almost impossible that abusing asylum channels.

asylum to keep out such mi- are committed to provide. grants, European governments

seekers in danger.
To cut back on illegal immigration, European governon Asylum-Seekers" (Nov. 24): ments should consider measures How to handle immigration to liberalize legal migration is indeed a serious preoccupa- admittedly, a daring idea at this the tradition of asylum.

Commissioner for Refugees is with migrants seeking better governments and other organizations on their handling of rejected asylum-seekers, and thus for Refugees. help to ensure that those genmany would-be migrants are uine asylum-seekers receive the Picking a NATO Chief But in tightening rules on need—and which governments

risk putting genuine asylum- dreds of thousands of refugees from the former Yugoslavia have found temporary protec- minded NATO secretary-gention in Europe. European goveral who will brush off political emments should continue to interference by the United Nademonstrate their dedication to tions or anyone else."

> JOHN HOREKENS. Geneva.

The writer is the director of the regional bureau for Europe of the High Commissioner

Linked to Concern Over Balkan In the past few years, hun- Force" (Nov. 18):

The writer says that "Amer- crave, but will not get, is freeican officials want a strong-

What sort of "interference"? Since the peacekeeping activities of the UN fall within the purview of the Security Council and are approved by the United States, how could

the UN interfere with NATO? In fact, the last thing American officials want is a strongminded NATO secretary-general. What they want is a craven Regarding "Lubbers Veto Is character who will jump at their speak near-perfect French. every command. And what the new secretary-general will

dom from political interference by the United States. R. BRUCE STEDMAN.

Wiscasset, Maine. Frankly Superior

Contrary to the complaints by one of your readers ("A Mouthful of English Mush," Letters, Nov. 21), I do not believe for one moment that being a native English speaker gives me a sense of moral superiority - it is more probably the fact that I

GRAHAM NASH. Cachan, France,

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Bonn Focuses on the East

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

they think east.

Whether it is in business or in foreign policy, the new, reuni- ranean than an East European fied Germany has numerous vocation, and all of this comes reasons to be interested in the former Communist countries. and especially in neighbors such as Poland, the Czech and Slovak republics, and Hun- cootinue over the years.

German companies and banks have, in fact, invested more in the countries of the former Communist east than those of any other European nation. Not all the investments include East European counhave worked out well, and following an initial push after with economic integration.

German reunification there is The issue of enlarging the

and chief executive of Georgsmarienhuette, a medium-sized steelmaker in Lower Saxony. 'as allies, as markets, and as suppliers."

The relationship between Germany and its eastern neighbors is by no means new; commercial ties go back to the 13th and 14th century when merchants from the Hanseatic League traveled down the Volga in search of trade.

But the joining of the east-em states of the old German Democratic Republic to the west in 1990 has spawned intensive new interest in the region. And when the capital of reunited Germany is moved in a few years from Bonn to Berlin, Germany's entire cen-ter of gravity will effectively

Reimut Jochimsen, a member of the Bundesbank's council and president of the state central bank in Düsseldorf, said in an interview that he could easily foresee "a new pattern of intra-regional economies forming between Germany and areas such as Poland, the Czech Republic, the Baltic states and Hun-

Yet in political terms, within the European Union, it is clear that Germany's priorities BONN — When German for the future of the continent leaders think about the future are not always shared by these days, more often than not France, Italy or Spain. For obvious reasons, these countries have much more of a Mediterto a crunch when the Union debates the allocation of its budget resources. It is a problem, diplomats say, destined to

> The German map of Europe, meanwhile, and German priorities also feature increasingly in the debate about making the Union wider as well as deeper, meaning enlarging it to include East European coun-

now a more sober attitude Union eastward will be among among German entrepreneurs. the topics for discussion at the There remains, however, a EU summit meeting in Madrid on Dec. 15 on 16. The Euward is good business, and in ropean Commission has alpolitical terms common sense. ready concluded that it will be "We need them," said Jür- a relatively expensive project, gen Grossmann, the owner not least of all in terms of the kind of aid to poorer regions that might be required.

But the bottom line, say observers of the debate, is that it is Germany that most wants the European Union to go east, and



that will likely prove decisive. Members of an anti-aircraft defense regiment listening to the Bundestag debate on Wednesday. Up to 4,000 personnel will join the NATO mission.

Bundestag Gives Solid Backing to Germany's Balkan Role

BONN - The lower house of Parliament voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday to send troops to take part in the NATO-led Bosnian peacekeeping operation, the latest step in Germany's gradual acceptance of an international military role.

A government motioo calling for 4,000 transport, medical and logistics specialists as well as Tornado fighter bombers to join the NATO mission received the support of 543 deputies in the Bundestag. There were 107 votes against and 6 abstentions.

The vote was the biggest endorsement yet of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's bid to induce unified Germany to drop the military restraint spawned by World War II and accept bigger responsibilities in multinational military operations.

The motion received majority sup-

ings whose members only six months ago mostly opposed the deployment of German Tornados over Bosnia to back United Nations peacekeepers.

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Germany sent its troops on a foreign combat mission since World War II. Public opinion already had been prepared for the move: Mr. Kohl had sent German logistics units to assist

technical staff supporting the Toma dos at their base in Piacenza, Italy.

They will now be joined by keeping the Toma dos at their base in Piacenza, Italy. UN peacekeeping in Somalia, German ships to police the arms embargo

flight" zone over Bosnia. "This is a signal to Europe and the Wednesday's debate.
Mr. Kohi added: ''Not to help now

port from the opposition Social would, for all of us in Europe, ul- based in Croatia, to avoid direct con- 1960s and 1970s, and whose recent Democrats, a party with pacifist lean- timately carry greater dangers than to tact with Bosnian Serbs who view party conference produced a vote to

German troops running a field hospital in Split, Croatia, and several hundred technical staff supporting the Toma-

They will now be joined by loagainst former Yugoslavia and Gerand bridges and to ferry supplies from man airmen to enforce a UN 'no the Croatian coast to a British contingent stationed in Gornji Vakuf.

About 400 paratroops and mounworld: Germany is accepting respon-sibility," Foreign Minister Klaus tection, but German troops will oot be told Parliament during involved in enforcing separation lines between the conflict parties.

Germans with suspicion because of

the Nazis' brutal suppression of Serbian partisans in World War II.

NATO's German-based Allied
Command Europe Rapid Reaction
Corps, which will run the peace implementation mission, said the first two Germans on its staff would fly to
Saraievo on Thursday. The main con-Sarajevo on Thursday. The main contingent starts moving around Dec. 20.

gistics specialists whose principal The Social Democratic Party, untask will be to rebuild damaged roads der its new leader, Oskar Lafontaine, The Social Democratic Party, unmade clear that it still rejected the use of German Tornados, equipped to seek and destroy Serbian anti-aircraft systems, but that it would not let this prevent it from approving the overall

The debate took a toll on the en-vironmentalist Greens party, which Nearly all the Germans will be grew out of the peace movement of the

party conference produced a vote to reject any use of military force abroad. But at a last-minute meeting of the Greens' parliamentary group, 26 of 49 deputies said they would still vote for the deployment.

Some pacifists who remained opposed to the mission cited Germany's militarist past. Elisabeth Altmann, a Green lawmaker who was born in 1943, said she had spent her "first years for the most part in air raid shelters" as Allied bombs fell on her city during World War II. She said that because of history, Germany lacked the moral right to send troops into possible combat in other countries.

"My son Franz told me the worst thing for him would be if he were a

soldier and had to kill another young man," Mrs. Altmann said.

GERMANY: Worried That U.S. Might Not Always Respond, Bonn Moves to Shoulder Europe's Post-2000 Military Burden

shoulders these responsibilities, Germany will need to abandoo its old system of subordinating its armies to NATO and reinstate some form of national command, according to U.S. and German officials.

By reflex, Bonn favors multilateral for-mulas, so most German troops are in divisions teamed with allied divisions to form multinational corps.

Perhaps more significantly, Bonn has recentily devoted its prime resources to forging a 50,000-man crisis reaction force, an all-

it would enable Germany to match France or Britain in troop cootributions instead of resorting to the checkbook diplomacy Bonn sorting to the checkbook diplomacy Bonn and Paris seem determined to used to favor.

In the four years since a reunited Germany offended its partners by ramrodding through Kohl team has become more subtle in using the levers of military power to achieve German political goals. For example, Chancellor Helmut Kohl recently inspected a dustrial strategy aimed at building up Ger-Dutch-German military force, adding the man-led European arms-makers on a scale personal touch to a campaign by Bonn to that will enable them to compete with their allay persistent Dutch apprehensions about the power of reunified Germany.

Deutsche Acrospace AG, into the forefront of this week at the French-German summit the world's military contractors. It is an uphill task for a latecomer, but executives at the the international recognition of Croatia, the company's headquarters outside Munich said their ambitions remained firm.

As industry experts and officials explain it, Germany has what amounts to an inmegarivals in the United States. Daimler is

meeting, but now liable to be curtailed because of the social turbuleoce in France. A buying elsewhere. And German companies major feature of it is Mr. Kohl's decision to funnel billions of Deutsche marks into a are investing in new technology — for ex-French-led program for all-weather spy ample, to build the wings of a European satellites of the sort that only the United cargo plane — they have a headstart on States and Russia have deployed until now. German backing for the satellites is a

prelude to the birth of two defense companies formed by merging the satellite divolunteer division equipped with advanced weapons and support and designed for combat missions outside Europe. In future crises, and nowhere is this more evident pursuing a strategy of mergers in an effort to visions and missile divisions of Daimler and pursuing a strategy of mergers in an effort to visions and missile divisions of Daimler and pursuing a strategy of mergers in an effort to visions and missile divisions of Daimler and Aérospatiale, the state-owned French compatible.

go their own way, investing in the equipment that their armies must have, rather than enjoy at least one advantage: because they cargo plane — they have a headstart on rivals who are still trying to amortize their older technology. Germany's edge may oblige its neighbors to follow or risk losing

NEXT: German capitalism faces the fu-

SERBS:

Concerns Heard

Continued from Page 1 agreements" addressing Serbs' situation.

The separatist Serbs in Bosnia, led by Radovan Karadzic, hold the southern suburb of Grbavica, and several other less central districts to the west and northwest, including Ilidza and Vogosca. These places have been the scene of fierce fighting during 42 months of war, and the people there are among the most trenchantly committed to the

Bosnian Serbian cause. A further 40,000 Serbs live in parts of the city controlled by the government. Many have faced occasional harassment or discrimination during the war.

The status of Sarajevo, given in its entirety to the Bosnian government by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, during the peace talks near Dayton, Ohio, has emerged as the most immediately explosive issue in the planned im-

plementation of the peace.
Mr. Milosevic, whose relations with Mr. Karadzic are bad, always viewed Sarajevo with some wariness as a potential power base for the Bosnian Serbian leader.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced Wednesday that it would open an office in Ilidza. It appears that only a substantial international presence will prevent a mass exodus of Serbs.

A conference in London on Friday will consider means to ensure the implementation of the Dayton agreement, which calls for the return of all refugees, complete freedom of movement and respect for the rights of all ethnic groups. Such principles have ap-

peared on many pieces of paper since the war began, but have never been applied because fear and anger are rampant in Bosnia.

In particular, the London conference, to be attended by 52 countries, will seek to set up an international police force that would be deployed throughout Bosnia, establish the mechanism for the bolding of democratic elections next year and coordinate the funding of a multibillion-dollar reconstruction program.

Mr. Burns said this police force, rather than the 60,000strong NATO force being sent to enforce the peace agreement, would probably play the central role in mediating any conflict between the Bosnian government and Serbs in the Serbianheld suburbs of Sarajevo.

President Jacques Chirac of France warned President Milosevic on Wednesday that France would "draw all the appropriate conclusions" if two missing French airmen were not released rapidly, Reuters reported from Paris.

Mr. Chirac's spokeswoman. Catherine Colonna, said the French leader telephoned Mr. Milosevic to issue the warning, but she gave no further details. She did say, however, that there was no question of post-

poning the signing of the Bosnia peace agreement. The pilots were shot down over Bosnia in August.

FRANCE: Striking Unions Rebuff Juppé Offer

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Wednesday, but firmed on Mr. capital, but it was lighter than in

previous days. It was unclear tor workers. whether that meant the governvice was working or more people were staying home.

still carry only a small fraction of the millions of suburban change of policy."

commuters who normally depend on public transit.

The strike spread among Juppé's tough stand. The franc public workers with a teachers' walkout Tuesday. But the call has only been partly followed in walkout Tuesday. But the call has only been partly followed in lic statement on government Traffic choked the French the various public services, and policy since the election. largely ignored by private sec-

country's top political barons. The attack, by former Interior The government has leased hundreds of buses and 20 "bus boats" on the Seine, but they Juppe's Gaullist Rally for the

former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur against Jacques Chirac in last May's presidential elections, was making his first pub-

or workers.

Mr. Juppé came under fire ment post after another potenment's emergency transport ser- Wednesday from one of the tial candidate for prime minister, the speaker of the National Assembly, Philippe Séguin, visited striking railroad workers in his stronghold of Epinal over the weekend and expressed his sympathy with their cause. (AP. AFP. Reuters)

YANKS: Clinton Presses Effort to Win Congressional Backing for Bosnia Peace Mission Continued from Page 1

He appeared to be position-

working with another key Republican figure, Senator John McCain of Arizona, to draw up a resolution supporting the de-

ployment.
"It's a very difficult set of negotiations," Mr. McCain provisos, perhaps including an attempt to guarantee that the

the Bosnian military in order to has already entered Bosnia to that it was clearly "in our na-eyes of the whole world."

said. "There are people who want to make it clear that the Congress was not consulted." The result, it appeared, was most likely to be a grudging statement of support with many

improve the regional balance of prepare the way for the larger

Senator McCain told Mr. Perry and the other officials that make a clearer pledge to bolster the Bosnians' defense capabil-

face obstacles, as others in Congress have expressed fears that conspicuous U.S. assistance to the Bosnian forces would incur the anger of Bosnian Serbian

A small force of U.S. troops

Senate support would collapse dertaking, he has the authority if the administration did not as commander in chief to pro-

Mr. Bush said in a statement

support of Congress for the undertaking, he has the authority ceed on his own.

The support of two former Republican presidents could But that pledge, too, may give him an important boost. George Bush and Gerald R. Ford said separately Tuesday that U.S. credibility and continued leadership required it to see through its commitment to peace enforcement in Bosnia.

tional interest to maintain the integrity of the United States' While Mr. Clinton wants the credibility in the world.

"If the president shifts direction now — or if it is seen that the president does not have they must never "withdraw in that the president does not may the support of the Congress — our standing as leader of the free world and the standing of spokesmen on Bosnia policy — Secretary Peny; an assistant section of the support of the suppo diminished," be said. "That

must not happen."
Mr. Ford, in a letter to Senator

The day before, another former president, Jimmy Carter, said that Mr. Clinton had little choice but to send troops. He warned, however, that

retary of state, Richard C. Holbrooke, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dole, argued that "to undercut John M. Shalikashvili — tes-America's course of action at tified Wednesday before often this juncture would do enormous skeptical members of the Senate damage to U.S. leadership in the Armed Services Committee.

France to End Tests in 3 Months

PARIS - France said Wednesday it would complete its nuclear tests in the South Pacific before the end of February, three months ahead of schedule.

"The final series of French nuclear tests will end before the end of February 1996, long before the date initially announced of May 31, 1996," Defense Minister Charles Millon told

probably be six, of which four have been conducted so far. A defense official said the government was leaving open the possibility of a seventh blast in February if it required more data to develop

He did not say how many more tests Paris planned. President Jacques Chirac originally

announced a program of eight tests but said in

the United States in October that there would

Greenpeace Appeals Boat Seizures

WELLINGTON -- Green-

"We will appeal this all the able boats, were seized by den zone.

Greenpeace lawyer. "The ruroa Atoll on Sept. I, four

peace said Wednesday that it French state can take oo com- days before the first in the peace said wednesday that it fort in this decision. The desertes of French nuclear tests. ruling not to order the return cision is a triumph of brute of two ships and a helicopter force over law." seized during protests against seized during protests against and the Greenpeace, together peace seizure because its hewith a helicopter and inflatlicopter had entered a forbid-

way," said Duncan Currie, a French commandos off Mu-The Rainbow Warrior had breached an exclusion zone.

AIDS: Natural Substances Said to Stop HIV Virus

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United States will strengthen

people should be wary of assuming that the substances will be useful as a treatment. More than a decade of experience with AIDS has taught him, he said, that many things that look great in the test tube, "never make it to the major league."

"It's very exciting," said Dr. Bruce Walker, who is director of the AIDS research center at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, But, he said, "you have to be cautious" in extrapolating that the substances could be used to treat people with AIDS. The substances "may have other effects on the body, including potentially toxic effects, if given

discoveries are creating a buzz

among researchers, they reveal,

once again, the intense rivalries

in large amounts."

extraordinary complexity of is now at the San Raffaele Sci-AIDS research.

rather than a full article in Nature, a British science journal, when its author, Dr. Reinhard Kurth, president of the Paul Erlich Institute in Langen, Germany, realized he had compe-He learned that Dr. Robert C.

Gallo, formerly of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, and now director of the new Institute for Human identical hormone. Virology at the University of And Dr. Gallo's paper, scheduled to be published in the Dec. his paper documents their ef-15 issue of the journal Science, was made public Wednesday evening to share the spotlight

Yet at the same time as the with Dr. Kurth's paper. in this difficult field and the including Dr. Paolo Lusso, who inhibit HIV

cutific Institute in Milan, report One of the papers was rushed that three chemicals known as into print as a letter to the editor chemokines, which are part of the body's inflammatory response, are released by a class of white blood cells and stop HIV

from growing. Dr. Kurth and his colleagues report, from studies of African green monkeys, that the white blood cells produce a hormone. man cells produce a nearly Several AIDS researchers

Gallo's chemokines because

MARINES: Land On Wall St.

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must track orders by their rivals to bets on the future prices of did not shout.

and wool pullovers seemed tion, he said. happy to try. 'Eighty bid!' There were no women in the General Hearney said firmly. A exercise, a measure of the maleinterleukin 16, that stops the tall colonel, after being nudged centered environment of both AIDS virus. He adds that hu- by a trader, nodded and said Marine officers and traders. 'sold," almost too softly to be That was about all they had in heard. The two men studied common. The Marines were their order forms and tried to much older, with shorter hair-

The men in olive-drab slacks

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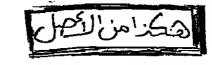
"T would hope we don't have to yell like that to get atten-

There were no women in the Maryland, had a similar result. said they were betting on Dr. record accurately their small cuts and no fishion excesses.

> After two hours, many of the Marines were still far from any trations than interleukin 16. But trading room at the World chance of profit on their fic-

But the traders saw potentials "Every one of them is getting Dr. Gallo and his colleagues, types of natural substances that est ranking officers - accus- benter and better," Mr. Coakiey

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Ulcer Agent and Cancer Bacterium Gene May Attack Stomach

* From Clinical to Cultural

Psychiatrists Take a New Approach

last five years the movement, which comes at a has no parallel in our own culture or diagnostic

atric patients in America come from an array of barrassing other people as a psychological syn-

Last month The American Journal of Psychiatric syndromes unique to West-chiatry published guidelines for psychiatric eval-em industrialized societies. "Anorexia nervosa uation that for the first time explicitly recommended that a patient's cultural or ethnic industrialized cultures as amok is to Malaysia,"

For example, the woman from Ecuador was at the psychiatry department at the University of first misdiagnosed as psychotic by another psy-

Dr. Kleinman said.

By Warren E. Leary New York Tones Service

that cause ulcers and intestinal inflammation have a gene that can lining that in turn increases the risk of cancer, researchers said.

The bacterium, Helicobacter pylori, is known The bacterium, Helicobacter pylori, is known to be an important cause of stomach ulcers the strains of H. pylori found in the United States around the world and has previously been linked to certain relatively rare stomach cancers. But because the bacterium is present in many people who never develop cancer, scientists have won-

dered what role it may play in the disease.

In a report published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Dutch and American researchers said a study of gastric hiopsy specimens taken an average of 11½ years apart from 58 patients indicated that the presence of certain strains of H. pylori increased the risk of severe inflammation and precancerous changes in the gastrointestinal system.

Dr. Ernst J. Kuipers and colleagues at Free University Hospital in Amsterdam and Dr. Martin J. Blaser and co-workers at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, found that strains of H. pylori strongly associated with cancer risk possessed a gene called cagA.

Dr. Kuipers said in a telephone interview that volved. at the beginning of the study period, 33 percent of the patients with cagA-type H. pylori had moderate to severe disruption of the stomach lining, compared with 18 percent of patients with the non-cagA variety.

By Daniel Goleman

New York Times Service

Seriously disturbed, she had been taken to a

discovered the problem had begun when she got

bad news from her native Ecuador; An uncle she

"I realized that her clinical picture fit a syndrome known in Latin American cultures as

susto, or loss of the soul," said Dr. Juan Mezzich, a psychiatrist at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan, who treated

the woman. "In facing the tragic news, the soul of the patient departs with the dead person, leaving the person soulless. In our psychiatric terms, we would say she was depressed."

Dr. Mezzich is at the foretront of a new

movement in psychiatry to recognize the cultural

trappings that patients bring with them, and to

shape diagnosis and treatment accordingly. In the

scholarly articles on cultural influences in mental

health. Virtually every professional conventioo

for psychotherapists now offers a workshop oo

bow culture affects psychiatric problems.

Last month The American Journal of Psy-

background be considered, incloding how the

only knew about the susto syndrome but also

devised a treatment for her that drew upon his

tried an approach based on Hispanic culture," he

said. "There, for susto, you would expect to have

a mourning ritual to help the person assimilate

the loss. So, with her family, we organized a sort

of wake where everyone talked about the loss of

pressants, and within a few meetings, including two with her family, her symptoms lifted and she was back participating fully in life once

'Instead of just giving her antidepressants, I

patient understands the illness.

understanding of her background.

her uncle and what it meant to them."

cultures, has led to a growing stream of books and drome."

The psychiatrist who interviewed the woman

psychiatric hospital by her relatives.

was close to had died unexpectedly.

EW YORK — The patient seemed

psychotic, complaining in a listless

ramble, "My soul is not with me

anymore — I can't do anything."

When tissue from the patients was examined 11½ years later, the report said, 62 percent of ASHINGTON — Some bacteria those with the cagA-type bacteria had moderate to severe lining destruction, compared with 32 percent of those with non-cagA bacteria.

In people with severe breakdown of the stomcause a breakdown of the stomach ach lining, Dr. Kuipers said, about 10 percent may go on to develop stomach cancer after 10

have the cagA gene.

The prevalence of H. pylori, believed to spread by contact between people, has declined in the United States in recent decades, as has the incidence of stomach cancer, he said. Studies indicate the prevalence of H. pylori,

which persists in the stomach for a lifetime, is about 10 percent in healthy people under age 30, rising to 60 percent in people over age 60.

However, if this many people are infected with H. pylori and so much of that infection is with the suspect cagA strains, how do re-searchers explain that the incidence of stomach

cancer has declined by 60 perceot in the United States over the last 30 years? We know from examining diseases such as tuberculosis that a lot more people are infected with the bacteria than become ill, " Dr. Blaser said, "so there are obviously other factors in-

Among those variables, he said, were dif-ferences among the bacterial strains and those who got infected, factors like diet, smoking or other infections, and how old people were when they got infected.

The anthropological study of psychiatric dis-orders like susto has yielded a fascinating list of

syndromes known only in one or another culture,

like the sudden, violent outburst known as amok in

Malaysia; or koro, the East Asian term for anxiety

that one's sexual organs will recede into one's

body with fatal consequence. Anthropologists say

these are not mere ethnographic curiosities.

Rather, they say, the syndromes illustrate a broad-

er point, that notions of mental disorder, if not the

Indeed, some disorders of the mind that are

well recognized in some cultures simply have no

equivalent in Western psychiatry. One such is

taijin kyofusho, a Japanese malady that loosely

translates as "fear of people." The name describes a morbid dread that one will do some-

thing that will embarrass other people.

"The syndrome revolves around social shame," said Dr. Arthur Kleinman, a medical

anthropologist and psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School. "The closest equivalent Western

psychiatric diagnosis is social phobia, but that is

an auxiety disorder, a fear that people will crit-

icize you. It's not at all the same thing. Japanese

HE stamp of culture on mental dis-

orders extends to America, Dr. Klein-

man asserts. He contends that there are

clinicians say this psychological problem simply

seems as culture-bound to America and similar

overconcern with body stereotypes isn't relevant

Dr. Spero Manson, a medical anthropologist in

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disorders themselves, are shaped by culture.



Dr. Mark D. Shulman, who has applied his weather expertise to many lawsuits and trials, at his home in Woodstock, New York.

The Stormy Cases of a Weather Detective

By Jane E. Brody

OODSTOCK, New York - Weather or not is the question that Dr. Mark D. Shulman asks himself whenever a famous case comes to trial, As a forensic meteorologist, he is less concerned with who done it than with how the weather might have affected pieces of evidence or testimony. Was it sunny, cloudy, raining, dry, hot or cold? Was the moon shining or the wind blowing, and if so, in which direction? If a storm was involved, was it a freak occurrence or one that people should have been prepared for?

In the O.J. Simpson trial, for example, air conditions played a role in such important issues as the melting of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, the shrinkage of the bloodied glove and the deterioration of unprotected DNA.

Forensic meteorologists can assist in such matters as the evaluation of footprints in the snow, the degree of visibility at the time of an incident, ier an instance of severe weather 'act of God" that could not be ancident to have permitted property own- question differs from circumstances at of strong winds in the area.

been floating in a bathtuh, based on air drainage or other unexpected thermal extensive flood damage to stored conditions and evaporation rates.

Dr. Sbulman, professor emeritus and former chairman of the meteorology department at Rutgers University, said the task was often not as simple as it might seem. In most cases, it goes well beyond consulting weather reports in the newspaper or the Farmer's Almanac, as Abraham Lincoln did when he discredited the sole witness in a murder case. The witness claimed to have seen the slaying by the light of the moon, but Lincoln, citing the 1857 Farmer's Almanac, showed that the moon was in its first quarter and riding low on the borizon at the time of the crime, so that it would have shed almost no light on the crime scene.

The more typical tasks of forensic meteorology, Dr. Shulman said, require an ability to interpret recorded weather data and an intimate knowledge of localconditions. "The job of the forensic meteorologist is to determine what were the likely conditions - temperature, bumidity, wind speed and direction, ice and snow, etc. — at an area other than where weather da ia were recorded, of- conducted inroug

To determine, say, if conditions might have favored the occurrence of should have anticipated the risk of drifting snow, a meteorologist "may first have to examine prior air and soil temperatures, cloudiness, wind speed

and direction and humidity," Dr. Shulman said. "The determination of precipitation may require the use of surface weather observations from several stations, radar reports, satellite imagery and a knowledge of the climatology of storms that are common to the region," he said, adding that it might also be necessary to factor in moderating influences from nearby urban centers. These centers are called "heat islands" because of greater fuel use, waste heat from transportation systems

and solar heat absorbed and retained by

concrete structures and road surfaces.

N many of the cases in which Dr. Shulman provided expert testimony, his findings were strengthened by the climatological stud-Shulman said in an interview at his the New York-New Jersey area, the ticipated, whether slippery conditions home here. The expert must understand frequency and severity of area thunhad existed long enough before an ac- how the "microclimate" at the site in derstorms and the force and frequency

equipment after a thunderstorm. The insurer asserted that the warehouse flooding and taken measures to protect the equipment. But Dr. Shulman examined data from the National Climatic Data Center and research reports from the National Weather Service and concluded that the storm had been of extraordinary intensity, producing winds of hurricane force and recordhigh tides in the harbor.

Even if the National Weather Service had issued early warnings of severe weather," he concluded, "the warehouse could not have anticipated a storm of this magnitude and would not have been able to protect the equipment that got damaged as a result.

When a display tent from a roadside business was blown from its moorings during a summer thunderstorm and flung into a passing car, severely in-juring the driver, Dr. Sbulman analyzed the radar data, wind direction and speed and intensity of the storm and compared he and his graduate students the findings with the results of a fivear study of area thunderstorms that he might have been expected or was an ten an area some distance away," Dr. an evaluation of the urban heat island in had conducted. He could then show that "storms of this magnitude occurred on average 10 times a season in that part of New Jersey" and therefore the storm that precipitated the accident was no act ers to alleviate a hazard, how far away screams of distress could have been heard or how long a body might have at the site may be affected by cold air

In one case, the insurance company of God. The driver, who had sued the for a New Jersey warehouse near New roadside business, was awarded all the the site may be affected by cold air.

IN BRIEF

chiatrist. But Dr. Mezzich, who is from Peru, not said: 'There is simply no such thing as anorexia **Global Health Groups** among native peoples in North America. The **Target River Blindness**

in Indian cultures — the grave concern with slenderness is itself seen as absurd. Native people WASHINGTON (NYT) - Anned with a new confidence that it is possible would be very concerned about a person who was to wipe out diseases that have plagued willfully wasting away, but you just don't find it, except perhaps among highly acculturated Inhumans for centuries, international health and development officials have announced an assault on a debilitating tropical malady, river blindness, even as they celebrated the imminent demise of Dr. Kleinman says that although exotic disorders exist most mental health workers will not another, Guinea worm disease.

The wake "was quite powerful for her," Dr. confront them directly, but rather will have to Mezzich said. "She didn't need any antidedeal with differences in how patients describe or United Nations health organizations, the World Bank and private groups an-nounced a 12-year international proexperience universal problems like depression. You need to understand the idiom of distress — how a person talks about his problem," Dr. Kleinman said. gram to control and eventually wipe out river blindness in Africa, an effort they river blindness program.

N. Cohen, professor emeritus of

the City University of New

York, offers a more personal

said should save millions from the blindness, disfigurement and discomfort of the parasitic disease formally known as onchocerciasis.

The new program is modeled on the highly successful Onchocerciasis Control Program that since 1974 has largely eliminated river blindness as a major health problem in an 11-country region of West Africa. Treatment programs will be es-tablished in parts of 16 nations not in the original program, officials said.

James D. Wolfensohn, president of the

World Bank, said several countries and organizations had pledged \$20 million of the estimated \$124 million needed for the

The new attack on river blindness recognized Vitamin D deficiency, causfollows an announcement that Guinea worm disease, another parasitic condition, should be entirely eliminated within a year. Guinea worm disease occurs when people drink water containing tiny water fleas that have ingested microscopic Guinea worm lar-

May Lack Vitamin D

Elderly Confined at Home

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Old people who must stay at home and are deprived of sunlight may suffer a previously un-

ing bone loss, pain and weakne cording to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Sitting hy a sunny window won't help, said the report from Union Memorial Hospital's Division of Geriatrics in Baltimore, because glass filters out a part of ultraviolet light needed to produce the vitamin on the skin.

"Because this study excluded subjects with diseases and medications that might further increase the risk for Vitamin D deficiency, the findings from this sample probably underestimate the prevalence of Vitamin D status in the sunlight-deprived elderly," it added.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

Onerships added to its large collection of titles at the American Contract Bridge League's Fall Nationals. David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen won the Blue Ribbon Pairs, their sixth national victory together. Berkowitz celebrated his birthday hy winning the event for the

battle that typically occurs amond ruff, when each side bas a fit and the vulnerability is favorable for the side with fewer high cards. Three no-trump and four hearts would have been interesting contracts, and were often made at other tables. But North-South saved in four spades, knowing that a three-trick defeat for a 085 loss of 500 would be profitable but a four-trick defeat for 800 would be a disaster.

Cohen introduced a subtle four-diamond bid, to suggest a lead against four hearts or four no-trump, and became the declarer in four spades doubled. A club was led to the queen, and Least cashed another club win-ner. He then played the ace and another diamond in the hope of giving his partner a ruff. Cohen seized the opportuni-

ty. He won in his hand, ruffed a LEWIS CARROLL: club in dummy, and played the ace and another spade. West had to lead a heart, and Cohen played low fron dummy, escaping for 500 and getting 20 match points out of a possible 25.

There was a way for the defense to score 800, and earn a top, but it was virtually impossilbe to find at the table. To avoid the endplay, East would have had to shift to a trump at the second trick and later ma-The bidding was the sort of neuver to give his partner a di-

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BOOKS

A Biography

By Morton N. Cohen, Illustrated. 577 pages. \$35. Alfred A. Knopf. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

Since its publication more than a century ago, Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" has produced a mind-boggling array of interpretations.

allegory of Darwinian evolumathematical puzzles and deual gratification, logicians have unraveled it as a sequence of of doctrinal controversies.

To the critic Roger Sale, olence, death and Nothing-ness," a book conceived as "a mockery of Christian belief."

and more optimistic reading of "Wonderland." He not only suggests that the book was closely based on indignities and difficulties experienced by Dodgson in his own youth hut also argues that the book purveys a bopeful view of its heroine's (and by implication, all children's) ability to survive in a hostile world. Although Cohen draws on It has been analyzed as an new material in this volume (intion, reduced to a series of cluding letters and diary entries such contemporaries as Dick-certain. In any case, "Charles

that have become available to bunked as a parable about the the public only in recent years), ordeal of birth. Freudians bave the basic outlines of Dodgson's interpreted it as a quest for sex-life have been well known for a care to portray Dodgson as both long time: his strict Victorian a highly eccentric individual upbringing, as the third of 11 arcane riddles and religious children born to a small-town scholars have read it as a parody curate and his saintly wife; his long career at Oxford as a lec-nature (his penchant for taking heart. turer in mathematics; his en-"Wonderland" is a "sharp, jab-during interest in games, puzhing, nasty" book, which sug- zles and photography, and, of gests that life is a "succession of course, his obsession with stresses that the God-fearing summer's afternoon, amplifyfollies and errors." And to the writer Humphrey Carpenter, it Alice Liddell, for whom he cre
Note: The course of recounting the makes for many repetitions, ing the story as he went along to story of Dodgson's life, Cohen might have been avoided had expense, in Cohen's words, "the makes several assertions that are Cohen only listened to the adremains an "exploration of vi- ated "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through

the Looking Glass." In his new hiography of ographer, Dodgson's story their blessings to his epistolary Charles Lutwidge Dodgson might well have become a friendships with their children In his new hiography of ographer, Dodgson's story their blessings to his epistolary mystifying adults.

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson might well have become a friendships with their children (a/k/a Lewis Carroll), Morton prime example of what Joyce as well. Whatever darker sexual Glass," published in 1871 and knows just how inconceivable in staff of The New York Times.

Carol Oates has called "pathography," one of those sensationalistic, voyeuristic works that focus on "dysfunction and dis-

In Cohen, however, Dodgson has had the good fortune to not take such a benign view of find a biographer who is as compassionate as he is judicious, a biographer intent on using the life to shed light on the work, rather than the work to family occurred. pillory the life.

in context with the thinking of ens and Tennyson and traces his somehow offended and was exlarge artistic and philosophical debts to William Blake, taking and a product of his age.

creepier aspects of Dodgson's her sisters had awakened in his photos of naked girls and his continual pursuit of new "child friends"), but he repeatedly Victorian propriety.

impulses Dodgson might have had, Cohen suggests, were sublimated in his work, where his secret yearnings were translataster," foolishness and failure. ed into creative acts.

Alice Liddell's mother did the attention Dodgson lavished on her daughter, and in June 1863, an irrevocable break between Dodgson and the Liddeil

Because a crucial page from Dodgson's diary is missing, Co-He situates Dodgson's rev-erence for the idea of childhood hen says, the exact reasons for the break are impossible to asiled" from the Liddells' lives. The remainder of Dodgson's

life seems to have been a long. sad effort to come to terms with

"Wonderland" (published in 1865), he wrote down the tales he had told them on a now lies in nostalgia." In the hands of another bi- sions and asked them to give authoritarian, pompous and

 Pierre Androuet, founder of the Guilde des Fromagers de France, is reading "Talleyrand ou le sphinx incompris" by Jean

"From yesterday we learn about today. Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord was involved in the coup that brought Napoleon to power and took part in most of the negotiations during the Napoleonic wars." (Margaret Kemp, THT)



inspired, in part, by the Prince would have been for him to parand Princess of Wales' visit to Oxford in 1863, is a decidedly more melancholy book, casting Dodgson as the hapless White nd a product of his age. the loss of Alice and the feel- Knight who watches Alice go ther (adoration alternating with Cohen does not minimize the ings of joy and guilt that she and off on her own to become a rebellion) animated much of his queen. "Loss and rejection have replaced friendship and conviviality," Cohen writes, "and Charles' only consolation

Dodgson tried hard never to ing the story as he went along to story of Dodgson's life. Cohen might have been avoided had disappointments, fears, and be- sure to create debate among vice the White Rabbit receive Dodgson always asked par- wilderment that all children en- Lewis Carroll scholars. He arents to sit in on his photo ses- counter" in their dealings with gues that Dodgson's "belief in the beginning, and go on till you the Bible and the teachings of

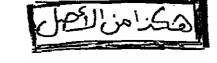
ody, mock or satirize any part of church docume."

He suggests that Dodgson's conflicted feelings about his fawork and may have also con-tributed to his attraction to young gins.

The book's one flaw, a looping thematic structure that in "Wonderland": "Begin a come to the end: then stop.

Michiko Kakutani is on the





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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

By Erik Ipsen

ing, then, that the cutting-edge computer maker got a flood of offers as it shopped

around for a new plant site. The surprise

was the announcement Tuesday that the

skilled workers, but also for its overvalued currency and resistance to having

anything to do with the European Union,

Switzerland seemed a bizarre choice for

the new \$26 million plant.
Javaid Aziz, who heads Silicon Graph-

ics' operations in Europe, admitted that

convincing the California-based company's board it should put its money on

Switzerland was about as easy as selling it

said as much about the problems of in-

vesting in the core countries of Europe as

it did about the specific attractions of

Switzerland and of the goodies dangled by

what he called a "grateful" government.
"I wouldn't think of investing in Germany or France," said Mr. Aziz, a 20-

year industry veteran and former chief executive of IBM United Kingdom Hold-

ings Ltd. He wagged an accusing finger at "high labor and social costs and largely

inflexible unions" in those countries.

He asserted that his ultimate success

on a skiing holiday in the Sahara.

As a country known for its scenery and

company had selected Switzerland.

ONDON - Silicon Graphics

Inc. is the sort of company that

governments like to boost of

having around. It is not surpris-

Franc Floats Above Domestic Fray

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS—Despite spreading

economy, the French franc has so far remained immune to attack by speculators on the foreign exchange market.

The government may have its back to the wall in its showdown with striking state work-ers over reforms, but; unlike past crises, the franc has not come under heavy pressure.

Analysts cite numerous reasons for the absence of attacks on the currency, not least the hard-won credibility of the Bank of France in convincing speculators that it is no pushover. A relative absence of foreigners in the French capital markets has further strengthened the central bank's hand.

With the strike in its 13th

day and showing no sign of fading, the franc rallied Wednesday Wednesday against the Deutsche mark, the benchmark currency in the European monetary system. At 3.4474 francs to the mark, the currency was up 0.3 percent for the day and down a mere 0.2 percent since the start of the protest.

Having been made independent in 1993 as one of the conditions for joining the European monetary union planned for the end of the decade, the central bank has faced an uphill struggle to persuade its peers as well as market players that it could be as tough as the toughest -

Cuts Possible, Paris Says

PARIS — The government will curtail planned expenditures next year if economic growth falters below forecast levels, Finance Minister Jean Arthuris told Parliament on Wednesday as prospects for the economy darkened.

"If there is a slowdown from the figure we have forecast in 1996, we will be forced to make adjustments," Mr. Arthuis said against a background of strikes across the economy, which has already shown signs of slowing in the second half of this year. He was replying to a member of Parliament who had said the

growth figure of 2.8 percent implied by the proposed budget for next year would probably not be achieved. These adjustments, which are made during the year, are measures of prudent management to prevent public admin-

istrations from committing all their credits at the beginning of the year," Mr. Arthuis said. "That does not mean that we rule out the possibility of releasing the credits," he added. "But we must be cautious in

order to control public expenditure." The minister had already told Parliament the government had reduced its forecast for growth this year to between 2.5 percent and 2.75 percent from 2.90 percent.

the Bundesbank - in holding to its stated policy. Trials by fire - a 1992 cur-

rency-market crisis in the runup to the bank's independence that drove the pound and the lira from the European monetary system and another after independence in 1993 that resulted in a dramatic widening of the system's trading bands —have established the Bank of France as an opponent spec-

ulators appear loath to take on. Its readiness to raise interest rates when speculators deemed

such action unthinkable and its willingness to spend all of its reserves and go into debt to defend the decade-old policy of a strong currency have caused speculators huge losses.

The timing of the current domestic crisis is also fortnitous for the bank. This close to the end of the year and the annual tally of profits and stomach for such a risky venture as betting that Paris will

been assumed to be the only way France could create the conditions to lower interest rates and thereby spur its lackluster growth and cut unemployment, such a move would 'at best be irrelevant and at worst harmful," said Charles Wyplosz, a monetary authority at the Insead business school in Fontainebleau, France.

'The problem in France today is not one of competitiveness" due to exchange rates, he said, "but of inappropriate microeconomic structures like health care and pension that need correction.

In addition, noted Patrick Artus at Caisse des Dépôts & Consignations, France's largest institutional investor, there is an important technical reason for the absence of speculation against the franc: Foreigners no longer hold enormous volumes of French government bonds, depriving them of the tools needed to wage a battle.

He estimated that nonresident holdings of government bonds were down to 19 percent of the market, compared with 35 percent in 1993.

The foreign investors 1 speak to are not concerned about the strike," he added. But, he said, there is nervousness that the inevitability of bonuses, speculators have little lower growth next year than forecast by the government will result in a bigger budget deficit give in and allow the franc to and a wider premium on French be devalued against the mark. bonds over German levels.

Volkswagen Faces **EU Investigation Into Italian Sales**

BRUSSELS — The European Union is investigating whether Volkswagen AG told Italian dealers not to sell cars to foreigners trying to take advan-tage of the weak lira, the EU competition commissioner said Wednesday.

Such a practice would violate rules that allow carmakers to run exclusive national distribution networks as long as they do not put up barriers to cross-border

Italian and EU officials raided several companies in Italy at the beginning of November to ather evidence in the case, said Karel Van Miert, the competition commissioner.

While the commission is focusing its inquiry on Volkswagen, it said it had also received complaints about other carmakers. If the commission finds AOL Europe. Volkswagen guilty, it could remove the company from an EU car dealership accord that allows manufacturers to control by whom and where their models

A spokesman for Volkswamaker, said the company had not broken any EU laws and was not using system software. worried about the investigation. "Our venture worried about the investigation.

"A major principle of Volkswagen sales policy is that consumers in every member state of the EU can buy a new car for their personal use," he said.

Mr. Van Miert said the fall of the lira meant that Italy offered the lowest car prices in the 15nation EU. That has encouraged cus-

tomers from other countries, particularly Austria, to cross the border to buy cars.

According to EU statistics published in July, a Ford Scorpio cost 55.5 percent less in Italy than in Austria, the largest government report of a widening price differential in the EU. The Austrian schilling has

gained more than 5 percent against the lira this year.

Separately, Mr. Van Miert said Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Scott Paper Co. had made "progress" toward removing anate the world's lar tissue products.

"We have made progress for say whether they meet completely the requirements," Mr. its own name.
Van Miert said. Mr. Van M

Kimberly-Clark said month it would sell its British branded tissue unit and some

Plans for AOL Europe Scrutinized

BRUSSELS — The European Commission opened an inquiry Wednesday into plans by America Online Inc. to cooperate with the German publishing concern Bertelsmann AG and Deutsche Telekom AG

to create an on-line service. The commission said it feared such a powerful alliance could hart competition.

The three companies said in late November that they would form the alliance, to be known as

Deutsche Telekom and Bertelsmann shrugged off the news of the inquiry. Executives at Bertelsmann appear to believe that the commission is more concerned about the threat that Microsoft Corp. poses to the gen, the largest European car- on-line services industry through its Windows 95 oper-

strengthen competition, because competition will be damaged by Microsoft before it even gets off the ground," a Bertelsmann spokesman said. Karel Van Miert, the EU com-

petition commissioner, said he had some concerns about the impact on competition of Microsoft's new on-line service.

The commission said in June it was cooperating with the U.S. Justice Department in an investigation of the Microsoft Network, which has been bundled with the company's Windows 95 operating system.
(AP, Reuters)

response to objections raised by American and European antitrust officials.

The European Commission broadened its investigation into titrust concern about their the merger in September, citing planned merger, which is to cre- concern about the two companies' dominance of tissue market.

Kimberly-Clarke produces sure, but I'm oot in a position to the Kleenex brand of tissue, while Scott makes tissues under

Mr. Van Miert said be was expecting details from the companies "any time now" that would allow him to make a de-(AP, Bloomberg)

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Analysts See Rate Cut From Bundesbank

FRANKFURT - New signs that the German economy is to cut rates. economists said Wednesday.

tailers are the latest evidence

Silicon Valley Comes to Switzerland

dollar of payroll expense.

ployers intend them to go. Swiss social

costs add up to just 17 cents on every

In contrast, Mr. Aziz calculated that

high social costs in France, for instance,

mean that for every dollar in wages, work-

ers pay roughly 45 cents to the state, and

their employers pay the state another 45 cents on top of that. "So that means that I must pay out \$1.45 to see 55 cents in the

pocket of my employees," he said.
With numbers like those, Mr. Aziz said

it was not surprising that computer makers avoid countries like France and Ger-

many. The shift, which culminated in

August when Siemens AG decided to

boild a \$1.4 billion chip plant in England,

had its roots not in new taxes on the

Continent but in the increasingly com-

petitive market in which computer com-

panies find themselves. Even for the likes of Silicon Graphics

-a company whose European revenue is

growing at a rate of 50 percent a year and

whose European work force has grown this year to about 1,100, from 650 —

saving money is key, and Switzerland still seems an odd choice for bargain-hunters.

about the bitter competition between gov-

emments for employers in an increas-

ingly job-starved region. Silicon Graph-

that the government had promised it a

While Swiss workers typically earn as decade-long holiday from paying taxes

decision was made easier by the fact

But it is a choice that speaks volumes

stumbling might push the Bun-desbank to cut official interest rates before Christmas, said Stefan Schneider, chief An unexpected drop in industrial production and an erosion of confidence among re-

much as 20 percent more than their expensive rivals in Germany, in Switzer-land those wages go mainly where em-

that the economy is faltering leave its rate for overnight lend-and could prod the central bank ing unchanged at 3.98 percent

economist at Paribas Germany. "It confirms there is ample room for the Bundesbank to cut interest rates.

The central bank's decision to

As for the apparent liability of being outside the EU's vaunted single market,

the Swiss say that is no longer a problem.

Karl Dobbler, economic adviser to the canton of Neuchâtel, which includes

Geneva, pointed out that Swiss goods can

pass into the EU duty-free as long as 60

percent to 70 percent of their value was

added in Europe or Switzerland. The ev-

er-accommodating Swiss authorities also

allow companies to include their profit

margin in that calculation.

Better yet, while the EU imposes duties

on many imports based on their value,

Switzerland levies duties based on weight

That means that high-tech parts and raw

materials from America and Asia face a

fraction of the customs duty they would in

Britain or Germany," Mr. Dobbler said. For Nenchâtel, which 15 years ago saw

unemployment soar as cheap quartz time-pieces hurt local watchmakers, all those

incentives have paid off. In the last decade

and a half, foreign companies ranging from Johnson & Johnson to Nokia AB of

Finland have invested 1.5 billion Swiss

francs (\$1.29 billion) and created 5,000

well-paid jobs there. Silicon Graphics is

For Silicon Graphics and other com-panies, Switzerland offers a base close to

the physical center of Europe, as well as a highly educated and skilled work force.

Employers must, however, pay Swiss wages for those skills and the privilege of

adding an additional 300.

a cut still could be on the way. But economists said they doubted the Bundesbank alone

could get the economy moving with low-priced credit. The true problem lies in high costs brought on by rising wages and the appreciation of the Deutsche mark against the dollar and European currencies, they said. German industrial produc-tion fell 1.6 percent in October,

met with little reaction in finan-

cial markets amid the belief that

day, the second decline in three trade surplus to 8.2 billion months, leaving output 3.4 per- Deutsche marks \$5.7 billion) cent below the level of October 1995. Consensus forecasts had called for stable production. Confidence in the retailing industry continued to wane, a

report by consultants BBE showed, with forecasts of better season failing to offset revenue losses earlier in the year.

BBE said its retail confidence index fell to 89.75 in November, the seventh month below a neutral reading of 100. Only one-fifth of store owners were optimistic about sales in the medium term, BBE said. Economists also interpreted a

trade surplus in September as a sign of weakness, reflecting listless domestic consumption and a declining appetite for imports. Imports rose 2.2 percent in the year to September, trailing a 6.5 percent increase in exports

the government said Wednes- and pushing the merchandise from 7.6 billion DM in August. In the Netherlands, meanwhile, the Central Bureau for Statistics said it expected the

gross domestic product to rise 2.7 percent in 1995 from 1994. That compares with the Censales in the Christmas shopping tral Planning Bureau's forecast of 3 percent growth for 1995. branded tissue unit and some would (Bloomberg, AFX) U.S. manufacturing plants in cision.

U.S. Economic Activity Fell in October

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The most prominent gauge of U.S. economic activity plunged in October to its lowest level in nearly two years, the government said Wednesday, raising speculation that the Federal Reserve would lower interest rates

at its last meeting of the year on Dec. 19. The Commerce Department said its in-dex of leading economic indicators fell 0.5 percent in October, the biggest drop since it skidded 0.6 percent in April. The gauge has

not been lower since February 1994.
"The economy is running out of gas—it needs help," said Manry Harris, an economist at PaineWebber Inc.

There was one sign of strength: Con-struction spending rose 2.7 percent in October, the second advance in a row and the loans over a one-year span, lowered the overstated in the quarter at largest in three and one-half years. Gov-rate in July for the first time in nearly three modest expansion lay ahead.

emment spending posted the biggest increase in six years.

years and has kept it steady since.

The index of leading economic indi-

crease in six years. The Federal Reserve, in a survey of business conditions by its 12 regional banks, said the economy was growing at a slower pace. Early Christmas sales were mixed, the report said.

While recent data suggest a sluggish economy, raising hopes that the Fed will lower rates before Christmas, analysts said uncertainty over budget negotiations be-tween President Bill Clinton and congressional Republicans could persuade the Fed to delay any cut. The Fed may want concrete evidence of reduced government

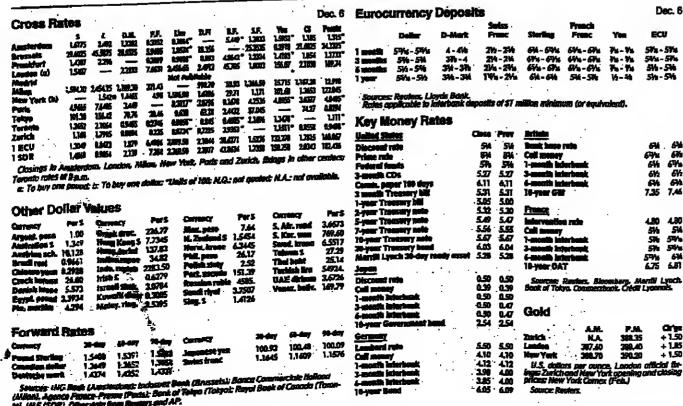
spending before it acts, analysts said. The central bank, after doubling the rate banks charge each other for overnight cators has advanced only twice this year. It fell 0.1 percent in September after a 0.2 percent gain the previous month.

Amid the evidence of weakness, there was more good news on inflation. Slowing raw-material prices made their bigges negative contribution to the index in 15 years and have had a depressing effect on the gauge 13 times in the last 14 months.

The government has estimated that gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic activity, advanced at a robust 4.2 percent annual rate in the third quarter more than three times the increase of the previous three months.

Bot economists said the growth had been overstated in the quarter and said only

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES



Schroders Plans To Close Fund Invested in Greece

ATHENS — The Schroders Greece Fund will be closed following recent redemptions that brought its net asset value below \$6 million, considered by its directors to be the minimum viable size, Schroders PLC said Wednesday.

The effective date of redemption is to be next Wednesday, at the net asset value calculated on that day. Settlement will take place shortly thereafter, the company said. The Greece Fund's net asset

value per participating share was \$21.73 for the year ended Sept. 30, 1995, compared with \$18.95 in the previous year. Net revenue rose to \$197,000, compared with \$52,000. The Greece Fund started as a

closed-end fund in 1988 and became an open-end fund later. said its manager, Isabelle Goiri. The Greek financial daily Imerisia said Wednesday that the fund had already liquidated most of its holdings.



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Very briefly:

Negotiators Clear Cable-Rate Freeze

TV systems would be frozen through 1999 under a plan tentatively

such networks as CNN, MTV and ESPN, which are part of services

telecommunications law. It must be approved by a conference

Bank Confirms Stock Buyback Spree

that it began buying back its stock in large amounts immediately

after announcing an agreement Nov. 4 to buy First Interstate

Interstate, contends First Bank artificially inflated its stock price.

First Bank said Tuesday that it had bought 3.1 million of its shares

in its fourth quarter, most of them after the pact with First Interstate.

National Semiconductor Corp.'s net profit rose 19 percent in

its second quarter, to \$77 million, paced by a 22 percent increase

Hoechst AG won approval from the Federal Trade Commission

for an agreement that required the drug company to spin off four

drugs as a condition for antitrust approval of its \$7.1 billion

in sales. Sales rose 22 perceot, to \$711.6 million.

NEW YORK (NYT) --- First Bank System Inc. has confirmed

Wells Fargo & Co., which has made a hostile bid for First

committee that will try to reconcile House and Senate versions.

above the basic level, would be deregulated after three years.

Congressional aides and lobbyists said Tuesday that rates for

The plan resolves a contectious feature of the bill to overhaul

approved by House and Senate negotiators.

Bancorp. for about \$10 billion in stock.

takeover of Marion Merrell Dow Inc.

Utilities Help Derail Amtrak Plan

By Daniel Southerland **Washington Post Service**

WASHINGTON — Fighting for its survival, Amtrak has come up with a plan that it says would belp keep America's pas-

senger trains running.

The unprofitable U.S. national railroad wants to enter a new and lucrative business buying and selling electricity.

Under a proposal approved several mittee, Amtrak would be allowed to shop for low-cost electricity and resell it to energy consumers in the U.S. Northeast. That would add an undetermined

system's energy costs by as much as 50 percent, or about \$30 million a year, Am-

At the moment, Amtrak buys electricity from utilities such as Potomac Electric

Power Co. and Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. to run its trains. It transmits the power over its electrical system between Wash-

ington and New Rochelle, New York. Under the new "save-Amtrak" plan, the railroad would be able to drop those electricity suppliers and switch to new ones.

The proposal has provoked protests from utilities, state regulators, consumer groups and electric cooperatives. They say that Amtrak, which is federally subsidized, months ago by the Senate Commerce Com- is trying to overturn state and federal energy laws by buying and selling power as

"If Amtrak is allowed to sell power to large customers that are currently being amount of revenue and reduce the railroad served by local utilities, the plant and equipment built for those customers will be left with no one to pay for them," said the Edison Electric Institute, the utilities' lob-

competition. "No one wants to see Amtrak go under," said Judy Pensabene, director for federal affairs at Baltimore Gas & Electric. "But the question is: How do you save Amtrak without creating major disruptions in other markets?'

Siding with opponents of the electricity plan, the Senate Energy Committee recently put a hold on legislation that would have allowed Amtrak to join the electricity

Amtrak, meanwhile, says it is running out of time. The House of Representatives' 1996 budget resolution sharply reduces federal operating subsidies for Amtrak. If the railroad fails to make significant pro-Edison Electric Institute, the utilities' lob-bying arm.

"The utilities' remaining customers will gress toward reducing its dependence on the government within several years, Con-gress could liquidate it.

Tech Stocks Falter As Others Hit Highs.

rose to a record for a third consecutive day Wednesday as investors grew more confident that corporate profits would expand next year as interest rates fell.

Shares of bank and other financial companies led the ad-

Expectations that the Federal Reserve Board would trim interest rates this month fueled optimism that the year-old rally in stocks still had room to grow. Investors are excited that

maybe the Fed will ease, and it's always cheaper to do business when interest rates fall,"

U.S. STOCKS

said Nola Maddox Falcone of Evergreen Asset Management. The Dow Jones industrial av-

erage rose 21.68 points to close at 5,199.13 in a seesaw session "It will be a cost savings," said the sper's spokeswoman, Nancy Nielsen. that saw the average rise above 5,200 for the first time. The close We also will be able to deliver papers with was the 68th record this year. and increased the average's gain for the year to 35.5 percent. The Times is the United States' largest

Eastman Kodak, which closed up 23/2 at 681/2; Coca-Cola, up 2 at 79%, and General Electric, up 11/2 at 711/8, paced the blue-chips.

About six stocks rose for every five that fell on the New York Stock Exchange

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 2.50 points to an all-time high of 620.18, its 75th record this year. The index rose as much as 3.43 points before a drop in computer stocks pared the gain. Concern grew that sales of computers might be slowing at a pivotal time of the year.

About 36 percent of all comnters are sold during the hol-

People are a little worried about this Christmas season,' said David Wu, an analyst at Chicago Corp. "They're selling, and will ask questions later."

Among computer issues Compaq Computer fell 1/2 to 46 3. Hewlett-Packard dropped 34 to 81, Dell Computer gave up 1 1/8 to 37, and Apple Computer

fell 34 to 3834.

Bloomberg Business News The Nasdaq Composite In-NEW YORK — U.S. stocks dex — filled with computerrelated issues - fell 4.16 points to 1,061.73, its second straight drop after registering a record of 1,069.79 on Monday.

The slump in technology stocks was furthered by losses in the shares of companies that make products for the Internet. With stocks like Netscape Com-munications and Spyglass having more than doubled since the beginning of November, some analysts said prices were too high relative m expected earn-

Netscape closed down 91/4 at 1614, and Spyglass dropped 41/2 to 110.

But so-called defensive issues ained amid expectations that a cut in rates by the Fed would prolong the economic expansion. That would help extend the earnings of companies like Procter & Gamble, which closed up 114 at 88, and Merck, up 1/8 at 631/4.

Such stocks gained as the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell as low as 5.95 percent, almost 200 basis points below its 7.88 percent yield at the start of the year and its lowest in more than two years.

Yields bounced back to finish at 6.03 percent, with the bond trading up 4/32 at 111 19/32. Ton many things that have

to go right are priced into the bond market," said Kevin Mc-Clintock of Dreyfus Co. To drive bond yields lower,

he said, "the Federal Reserve has to cut interest rates this month, inflation has to remain under control, and we have to see weak holiday retail sales." Investors are also expecting

Congress and President Bill Clinton to craft an accord to balance the budget by early in the next century, he noted. Banks benefit from lower rates because they can borrow

for less and keep more of the money they charge on loans. Among financial stocks, Citicorp rose 1/8 to 721/8, J.P. Morgan closed up 1/4 at 811/4, Chemical Banking rose 1 to 623/a, and BankAmerica gained .1 to 681/2.

N.Y. Times to Add a Regional Edition

By Howard Kurtz ington Post Service

The New York Times has announced it will set up satellite printing operations in Washington and Boston to launch a Northeast editioo in 1997.

The paper also said it would start printing a full-color New York edition that year WASHINGTON (AP) — Rates for all but the smallest cable with six or seveo sections.

"Clearly it's an effort to enlarge their franchise and become more of a regional paper," said John Morton, a newspaper analyst at Morton Research in Washington. 'You can't really count on a great deal of growth in New York City.

NEW YORK - The dollar rose

Wednesday in trading dominated by a de-

Traders attributed the dollar's gains less

to its strength than to weakness in the mark,

which was affected by positions taken

The franc beld its own against the Ger-

man currency despite domestic labor strife.

analysts said, emboldened by signs of the

French government's resolve over its plans

'The dollar's moving up on the mark's

to implement social security reforms.

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clining Deutsche mark

against the French franc.

He added that the move to full color Washington and Boston from New York. reflected growing demands by advertisers for such capability. [The publisher of The Times, Arthur

Sulzberger Jr., and other executives said in New York that the paper also planned to eliminate 190 jobs next year, in addition to metropolitan daily newspaper, and the the 50 full-time positions it has cut this year, Reuters reported.

They blamed rising newsprint prices, , which have prompted layoffs and other cutbacks at newspapers across America.]

The Times, which already has eight satellite printing plants, will be able to have later in Times Square. The Times' effort to deadlines on the Northeast edition because the paper will not have to be trucked to in the newspaper industry.

Weakened Mark Gives the Dollar a Lift

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

in New York. "There is a feeling the

French government will win out and break

Dealers said a report in a London news-

while not taken too seriously, also helped

Both countries strongly denied the spec-

more current news, such as sports scores."

Northeast corridor accounts for 15 percent

pany finishes building a plant at College

Point in the Queens borough of New York

City, ending production at its headquarters

shrink its payroll conforms to a broad trend

Color printing will begin when the com-

of its weekday circulation.

weakness" against the franc, said Richard ulation of a tighter link between the two Vullo, manager of currency sales at Bay-"That franc-mark peg rumor is hardly worth a denial said Jerome Peyrat, a erische Hypotheken- & Wechsel-Bank AG spokesman for President Jacques Chirac.

It's pure rubbish." The dollar finished at 1.4465 DM, up from 1.4325 DM Tuesday, and at 101.60 yen, up from 101.27 yen.

Against other major currencies, the dollar ended at 4.9800 French francs, up from paper of plans to peg the franc to the mark, 4.9520 francs, and at 1.1700 Swiss francs, up from 1.1655 francs. The pound slipped to \$1.5420 from \$1.5435. (AFX, Bloomberg)

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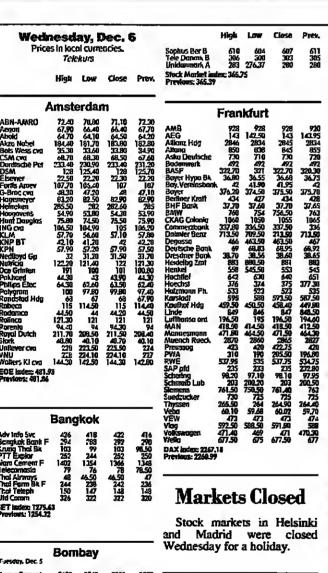
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Amid Expansion, **Pubs Spur Bass** To Higher Profit

LONDON — Bass PLC on long-range plans to build 398 Wednesday announced expan-hotels around the world. It alsion plans and reported stronger-ready owns more than 2,000. than-expected profit for its latest

The brewing and leisure con-cern said it planned to invest £552 million and at the top end about £500 million (\$770 mil- of analysts' forecasts. Sales lion) in the current year, an in-crease of almost £200 million A final dividend of 15.6 from last year, creating 4,000 jobs in pubs and the leisure in-

The company said the investment program would include £100 million for its leisure division to open 13 Gala bingo clubs by Sept. 30, 1996. Bass,

Carlton Seeks Global Growth As Profit Rises

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches
LONDON — Calling recent expansion moves a

mere "beginning," Carl-ton Communications PLC said Wednesday its profit rose 30 percent in its latest year, driven by growth in revenue from television

broadcasting. Carlton said its pretax profit for the year ended Sept. 30 was £246.7 million (\$380 million), compared with £190 million a year earlier. Analysts' estimates ranged from £236 million to £267 million.

Michael Green, the chairman, said new partnerships aimed at launching channels in Europe and Southeast Asia were "only a beginning" and that Carl-ton wanted "to do much more internationally" and was 'constantly seeking the right opportunities."

Television broadcasting revenue rose 35 percent to £670.1 million, and operating profit rose 72 percent to £122.8 million. Carlton shares closed at £10, up 3 pence. (Bloomberg. AFX)

The company said its pretax profit for the year ended Sept. 30 was £599 million, up from A final dividend of 15.6

pence a share made a total payout of 22.7 pence a share, compared with 22.1 pence a year earlier. Bass shares rose 28 pence, closing at 696.

The profit gains came mainly from Holiday Inn and Bass clubs by Sept. 30, 1996. Bass, Taverns, its group of about which owns the Holiday Inc. 3,900 British pubs.

Branded pub chains such as Harvester, All Bar One and O'Neilis bolstered Bass Taverns, whose profit increased 12.1 percent, to £240 million. Profit at Holiday Inn rose 8.6 percent, to £164 million.

In the United States, revenue per available room improved as growth in demand continued to exceed supply and occupancy levels rose.

But Bass Leisure, which includes the company's betting and bingo outlets, raised profit only slightly, to £74 million, after the introduction of Britain's national lottery.

Gala's admissions were down almost 7 percent from last year, and income from amusement machines in pubs also came under pressure from the lottery, launched a year ago.

Bass's chairman, Sir Ian Prosser, praised the performance of new drinks such as Carling Premier lager, the stake in the Czech Republic's Czech beer Staropramen and the alcoholic lemonade drink

Hooper's Hooch.
"Bass brewers is operating near its full capacity, though the U.K. brewing industry is still suffering from excess capaci-

ty," he said. The company's total beer volume was up just 0.9 percent on the year.

Bass lost the top markettle PLC, which took over Courage Ltd. this year.

(Reuters, AP)

New Era Amid the Crystal Ireland's Bourse to Break London Link

Bloomberg Business News

DUBLIN - The Irish Stock Exchange, where prices are still displayed on black-boards, and Waterford crystal chandeliers hang over the 130-year-old trading floor, breaks with tradition this week.

On Friday, the exchange will sever its regulatory ties with the London Stock Exchange, ending a two-century relationship with the

But Tom Healy, chief executive of the Irish exchange, said he was not concerned about being able to survive in Europe, where small stock exchanges are an increasingly threatened "The financial service sector here is quite

sophisticated, not because the Irish are better or smarter, but because they have been com-peting directly with London for the last 20 vears." Mr. Healy said. "If the guys didn't

compete, the exchange quite simply would have disappeared a long time ago.

The Irish exchange stepped up its competition with London this week when it established a system of market-making in Irish government bonds that will let bond brokers set their own prices on bonds in exchange for agreeing to provide investors with a constant source of bonds to buy and sell.

The strategy is to increase trading by stimulating price competition among bond brokers, making the securities more attractive to investors. Currently the 10-year Irish bond yields 7.48 percent, the same as its U.K. counterpart.

Six investment companies have been named market makers, including the four largest irish investment companies: Davy Stockbrokers, Goodbody Stockbrokers, Riada Stockbrokers

The other two are Credit Suisse First Boston and UBS Securities.

The companies are six of the 10 firms that send traders to the Irish Stock Exchange floor twice a day to observe the tradition of doing business from the semicircle of polished wood desks on the old trading floor. Most business is now done through computers from each com-

pany's trading room, as in London. The break from London and the move to market-making for bonds come at the end of one of the best years for the exchange in a decade. The benchmark ISEQ stock index is up 21.55 percent this year, second only to the Swiss Market Index in Western Europe.

"It still looks cheap," said Robbie Kelle-her, head of research at Davy Stockbrokers. He said the index traded at 10 times the value of the underlying earnings of its companies, compared with an annual average of 13.50 times earnings in the past decade. By comparison, the FT-SE index of London stocks trades at a price/earnings ratio of 16.97.

To be sure, the Irish market is much smaller. The total marker capitalization of the Irish Stock Exchange is 15.6 billion punts (\$25 billion), less than the £17 billion (\$26.18 billion) value of just one stock traded on the London exchange, that of BAT Industries PLC.

The prospects for expansion of the market are limited, moreover, as Ireland has been reluctant

to sell many state-owned companies.

Still, the exchange has several things going for it, including a competitive brokering community that handles 85 percent of the trades in Ireland's biggest stocks despite the fact that they are also listed on the London exchange.

The exchange also has been successful in attracting foreign investment funds.

U.S. Investor Takes Czech TV Stake

Czech Republic.

Media Enterprises Ltd.

Premiera currently covers shares.

PRAGUE—Stratton Invest-ments Ltd. said Wednesday it planned to acquire a 15 percent private regional television sta-tion, Premiera TV; it did not broadcasting knowledge." Pretion, Premiera TV; it did not disclose the price.

Stratton, which is controlled by the U.S. investor Michael Dingman, plans to buy the stake from Investicni & Postovni Banka AS, a Czech merchant bank largely owned by the gov-ernment. The bank currently owns 45 percent of Premiera. Stratton recently acquired

share position among Britain's large stakes in seven Czech brewers to Scottish & Newcas-companies from Harvard companies from Harvard Group, a Czech investment

The company said it planned

to provide Premiera, a 4-year-old station based in Prague, Republic but reaches more than with access to 'all worldwide 50 percent of the population, program resources" and to secure "cooperation with foreign technical director. 'We want to be a family TV

station, a relaxed TV station, miera has been expanding its broadcast area from central Bohe said. "We want to address families and women." hemia to other parts of the Analysts said they were surprised by Mr. Dingman's an-Stratton also said it would nonncement and saw it as a

help Premiera gain market share from Nova TV, the only move to diversify Stratton's private nationwide Czech tele-The remaining 55 percent stake in Premiera is owned by Thursday. vision station. Nova TV is owned by Central European FTV Premiera, a Czech company owned by Investion & Postovni's holding group. Ex-Stratton said it would pursue other media investments in the planned to sell more Premiera

Olivetti Goes Well, **Banks Cool** To Ferruzzi

Bloomberg Business News
MILAN — Investors seem far more interested in the rights issue by Olivetti SpA than in a similar fund-raising operation

analysts said Wednesday.

by Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA,

The two big Italian rights is-sues are being led by Medioban-ca, which is likely to increase its ownership of Ferruzzi as a result of the conglomerate's 953 billion lire (\$596.6 million) cash call. Some banks that are among Ferruzzi's shareholders after a 1993 bailout are not keen to pump in equity, although the rights issue is expected to gain

shareholder approval Friday.
"Without doubt the measure will be passed Friday," said Michela Ricciarelli, an analyst at equity researchers Actinvest Ltd. "What's more in doubt is

the actual subscription."

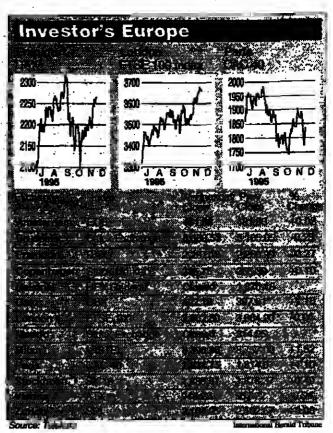
A handful of banks holding about 25 percent of the company's shares have said they would not participate in the offering, or would reserve judgment until the vote.

"That adds up to about 235 billion lire of the offering that is in doubt," said Gugliemo Fit-. tante, analyst at Cimo Sim iti Milan. 'I think the offering will succeed, but the pool of banks that has decided to guarantee the deal will have to soak up a lot more than they had expected."

Mediobanca engineered a merger between Ferruzzi and Gemina SpA, but the deal col-lapsed in October. Ferruzzi annonneed the share issue when said Jan Plihal, the station's the merger failed to replace money that would have flowed into it from cash-rich Gemina. Meanwhile, Olivetti's 2.257

trillion-lire rights offering is ex-pected to be fully subscribed, fund managers and analysts said, on the basis of the large volume of rights traded so far. The rights enabling existing shareholders to buy the newly issued shares stop trading

Investors have until Dec. 15 to buy the new shares. Olivetti is making the issue to plug lossecutives at the bank said they es in its personal computer division and to finance investment in telecommunications.



Very briefly:

• Aerospatiale, Alenia and British Aerospace formed a new company, Aero International Asia, that will seek a share of the job of building a 100-seat jet in China.

 Volvo AB will invest about 8 billion kronor (\$1.2 billion) a year in product development for five years, aiming to achieve a return on shareholders' after-tax equity of 12 percent to 15 percent.

Elf Aquitaine SA's Dutch oil and gas subsidiary, Elf Petroland BV, made an offshore gas discovery in Block L4a, northwest of Den Helder. Elf said the discovery, L4-7, had a flow rate of 23 million standard cubic feet a day during tests.

• Deutsche Lufthansa AG plans to increase its flight crews by 6 percent next year, to 3,450 people, and it said similar increases were planned for 1997 and 1998. The airline also said it would

take on around 270 new pilots next year. • Polish Investment Bank SA, which is owned by the central bank and was left out of the government's banking consolidation plan, will be sold to a private investor next year, the central bank's

• France announced measures to relieve a surplus of office property that has depressed the Paris real-estate market. It would avoid adding to office space in the Paris region and take some of the vacant commercial space, estimated at more than 5 million

square meters (54 million square feet), off the market.

· KLM Royal Dutch Airlines NV is in the last stage of negotiations with the Kenyan government on acquiring a 26 percent stake in Kenya Airways.

 PWA Papierwerke Waldhof-Aschaffenburg AG said higher prices for cardboard and graphic paper kept the company in profit for the first nine months after a loss in the like period last year.

 Talks on a new diamond deal are continuing between Russian officials and De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., the deputy chairman of Anglo American Corp. of South Africa Ltd. said.

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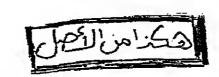
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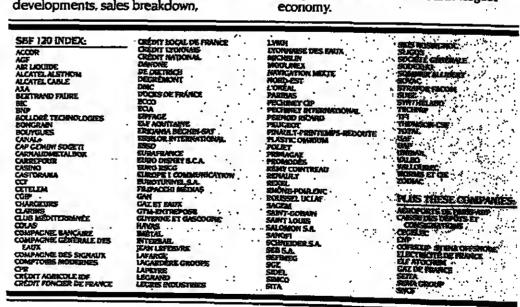
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Miner to

Sony Corp. to Run U.S. Unit Itself as **CEO Steps Down**

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Michael P. Schulhof, the head of Sony Corp.'s American operations, has resigned, apparently unable to inspire confidence in the company's Japanese management that he was doing enough to revive the company's businesses in the United States.

Mr. Schulhof's resignation Tuesday as president and chief executive of Sony Corp. of America after 21 years with the a new manager was a high pricompany came almost exactly a year after Sony took a \$2.7 billion write-off related to losses in its Hollywood film business.

Since then, the film division has had only a mixed record, and Sony's other major American entertainment holding, its music business, has lost market share. Meanwhile, some other

Market Hits 19,000 In Tokyo

TOKYO - The benchmark Nikkei average of 225 stocks closed above 19,000 points Wednesday for the first time since January, as

to the market. The Nikkei rose 188.33 points, or 1 percent, to fin-ish at 19,067.86.

cautious optimism returned

Soaring stock prices on Wall Street and renewed interest by foreign buyers in Japan encouraged the market. Some brokers, however, said further strong gains were unlikely this week, in view of the settlement of December options and fu-

tures contracts Friday.
"From a technical point of view, the market could rest for a while, but oobody can stop this strong buying momentum," said Kazumi Shimokawa of New Japan

Securities Ltd. Mr. Shimokawa said he thought the Nikkei would rise above 20,000 by yearend. But one analyst said, although market sentiment was good, "we should be careful from here on" in tions expirations.

Caltex Sells

Its Stake in

Refiner to

Nippon Oil

TOKYO — Caltex Petro-leum Corp. said Wednesday it would sell back its 50 percent

stake in the refining unit of Nip-

lion yen (\$1.98 billion) for the

stake and aims to complete the

transaction by the end of March. Nippon Oil would then own 100

percent of the unit, Nippon

Petroleum Refining Co.
Nippon Oil's president, Hide-jiro Ohsawa, said at a news con-ference. "Both companies

reached an agreement today on how much would be paid.

Industry sources said Caltex

an American oil company jointly caned by Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp., had been un-happy with the low profits from refining oil in Japan. Deregu-

latory measures in Japan's oil

market that will take effect April

I might also have encouraged

Caltex to pull out, they said.
One source said: "Caltex

may have decided to specialize

in business in Asian regions other than Japan. Using com-

mon sense, no one would say

Japan's oil-product market will get any better than now, es-

pecially after the market is

Fears that cheap oil-product imports will flood Japan after

deregulation have sparked

fierce competition among do-

mestic retailers, causing refin-

ing margins to plunge this year. Nippon Petroleum Refining

was established in 1951, in response to Nippon Oil's requests for crude oil supplies and tech-

nical and capital assistance when

Japan's oil industry had yet to recover from World War II.

from its cash revenue and that the purchase would oot have a

big impact on the company's

profit or management.

Mr. Ohsawa said Nippon Oil would pay for the Caltex stake

deregulated in April.

Nippon Oil will pay 200 bil-

pon Oil Co.

new ventures under Mr. Schulhof, including an electronicpublishing business, have suf-

fered relatively large losses. Sony thus has taken the unusual step of replacing the head of its American business with Japanese executives who will nin the company from Tokyo.

There was speculation that an American executive would soon be found to run the U.S. business. But several executives close to Sony denied that either finding a parmer or hiring ority for the company.

Sony's chief executive, Norio Ohga, who played key roles in acquiring and initially overseeing the American entertainment properties, will add to his titles those of chairman for the Sony Music and Sony Pictures Entertainment units.

Nobuyuki Idei, Sony's president, will add the titles of vice chairman of Sony of America and chairman of its Sony Electronics unit.

Daniel Lucas, an analyst for Towa Securities Ltd. in Tokyo, said the move was symbolic. "The overseas subsidiary

has been brought to heel because Sony is trying to become a leaner and meaner organiza-tion," he said. "When Idei first came in, he said the first thing he would do was take a good look around. I would imagine this is part of his push."

IMr. Schulhof told the Washington Post that differences with Mr. Idei over 'management style" had led to his resignation. He said his departure had "nothing to do with the performance' of Sony's U.S. operations, adding that "Mr. Idei needs to he given the breathing room."

He declined to discuss details. Sony gave oo explanation Tuesday for Mr. Schulhof's resignation. But several people close to the company cited the lackluster performance of the American operations in the past year and what they called Mr. Schulhof's propensity for spending when an economic downturn in Japan had forced

have been colleagues for years, but Mr. Idei, who became Sony's president in April is said to be critical of Mr. Schulhof's spending habits and informal management style.

Asahi Launches a Beer War on China's Tsingtao

BEUING - Wasting no time after completing an acquisition that made it China's biggest brewing group, Asahi Beer of Japan aims to replace Tsingtao as China's top beer, officials said Wednesday.

Asahi's president, Yuzo Sato, and the Japanese trading company Itochu Corp. have bought a joint 75 percent stake in China Brewery Holdings from the Hong Kong investment concern China Strategic Holdings for \$52.5 million.

The purchase, formalized in a signing in Beijing on Wednesday, gives it control of the Chinese capital's beloved Beijing Beer and the venerable Yantai brand of eastern Shandong Province, which was started by producer, and its next goal is to eclipse the German colonists early this century. Added to the three other breweries it

"We will develop and promote both the local brands of these breweries and Asahi beer, serving different markets," he said. Chinese production of Asahi Beer be-

gan in April 1994 at a plant in Quanzhou. Mr. Sato said the company would pro-duce 1 million 12-can cases of Asahi in Mr. Huang said. "The trains are con-1995 and 2.1 million cases in 1996 at Quanzhou, Hangzhou and Jiaxing.
With the addition of the Beijing and
Yantai brands, Asahi has pushed Tsing-

tao beer out of its place as China's top

Tsingtao name.

owns in the east and southeast, China famous beer," said Huang Hongnian, pres-Brewery gives Asahi a production capacity of 600,000 kiloliters (156 million gallons) for 1996, Mr. Sato said.

Immous occa, sant many analysis and in the east and southeast, china Strategic, which remains a minority partner. "It's a light taste that Chinese like, and it is a foreign brand."

Wednesday's purchase also gives Asahi breweries in the wealthy coastal provinces of Zhejiang, Fujian and Shandong, giving it an edge in a market handicapped by poor transport.

gested. We use trucks to carry our beer,' Asahi faces a huge task in overtaking Tsingtao, long established as China's premium beer.

Tsingtao sells for about 2.3 yuan (30 cents) a bottle - half the price of Asahi, which has developed a small following in We plan to make Asahi China's most China's southeastern cities.

Thai Entrepreneur Launches Asian Newspaper

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG — Newsprint costs are soaring, readership is falling in some places, and newspaper owners the world over are often in a defensive mode except in Asia

With Wednesday's launch of the Asia Times, a daily business newspaper based in Bangkok, Khun Sondhi Limthongkul, a Thai, is gambling that Asian readers want a paper written in English that he says observes the world from an Asian, not a Westem, perspective.

Manager Media Group PLC, controlled by Khun Sondhi, the newspaper's pub-lisher, is betting that his rivals have overlooked a still-growing and eventually prof-

He says he will spend as much as \$60 million on creating the newspaper.

satellite-driven broadcasting operation that centers in Bangkok, Hong Kong and Sin-Manager Media hopes to build into a rival to gapore, Reuters reported, but was available STAR TV, the network owned by Rupert at few newsstands.

Murdoch's News Corp.
"It's my aim that when I die, it's said this

ployed in his campaign is a polyglot staff drawn from East and West alike. The staff is a mix of Western journalists, many of whom will be doing editing and produc-tion-related jobs, and Asian reporters and commentators.

Tracking the newspaper's performance will be difficult, analysts said, at least in the beginning. Many of its 30,000 initial copies were distributed free to a list of tential readers gathered from mailing lists, and others will be sold in selected

At the same time, the regional newspaper is planned as a brand-building exercise for a the presses Wednesday from its printing Media Ltd. in Hong Kong.

Australia Moves to Ride the Free-Trade Wave

n s my ann that when I die, it's said this is the crazy Asian who gets up and gives the West a good fight," Khun Sondhi said at a the newspaper's launching in Hong Kong.

The force that Khun Sondhi has described as a strict of the country's banking crisis as well as articles on retrenchments by high-fliers in India's financial markets and the screenble. tract from Malaysian Airline System Bhd.

What the concept of an Asian perspective means in practice - and how Asia Times's strategy will affect its competitors - have touched off a discussion since Mr. Soudhi announced plans to start the newspaper.

"I still question whether Malaysian readers are interested in Japan and vice versa," said an executive with an Asian bank based in Hong Kong. "If it isn't business, does anyone really care?" "If it executes its plan successfully, I

think the markets are there," countered The first edition of the daily rolled off André Nair, managing director of Ogilvy

Investor's Asia

Very briefly:

Asian equity markets will rebound in 1996, and economic growth in the region will average 7.3 percent after inflation in 1996 and 1997, Salomon Brothers Inc. forecasts.

Japanese registrations of imported cars rose 30.6 percent in November from a year earlier, to 32,551. In the first 11 months of the year, registrations of imported cars rose 32.4 percent from the like period in 1994, to 325,987.

• Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd.'s London branch will assume the business of the bank's Frankfurt office, which is being closed Friday under a restructuring plan.

Hisao Takase, the former head of the U.S. subsidiary of Nikka Ltd., was charged by U.S. authorities with mail fraud related to the diversion of company funds.

 Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. formed a \$14 million joint venture with Beijing Building & Engineering Group to make air conditioners and parts, a Chinese report said.

 Rolls-Royce PLC is forming a £4 million (\$6.2 million) joint venture with Feshun Electrical Porcelain Works to make electrical transmission equipment in China.

• Henderson Land Development Co. is planning to issue 50 million to 100 million shares at 45.60 Hong Kong dollars (\$6.19) each, analysis reported.

China Apollo Holdings Ltd., which makes and sells health drinks in China, will issue 200 millioo shares at 1.50 Hong Kong dollars each.

The Marshall Islands needs "radical reforms" to stave off an economic collapse once a free-association compact with the United States ends in 2001, the Asian Development Bank said.

 Philippine exports grew 22.7 percent in October from October 1994, to \$1.59 billion, as electronics exports continued to surge. • Burma is opening 10 official foreign exchange centers Friday. official media reported.

 Fokker NV signed a memorandum of understanding to sell two used F-28 planes to the Indonesian air cargo company PT Pos (AP, AFP) Ekspres Prima. Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, AFP, Knight-Ridder

companies to cut costs.
Mr. Ohga and Mr. Schulhof

In a brief statement, Sony leaving to "pursue new busi-

forces we are seeing unleashed nomic Cooperation forum and firms and the creation of a "mi-MELBOURNE - Prime Minister Paul Keating unveiled measures Wednesday he said would help Australian industry seize the opportunities that

trade liberalization will bring. At an international trade and investment conference here, Mr. Keating said, "Today we take the next steps to strengthen Ausby which we mean generating ideas, commercializing and using new ideas, linking Australia even more closely into ideas elsewhere in the world, encour-

aging new ideas in business and He said he was planning a

"cooperative" approach to promote prosperity oot just in Austhanked Mr. Schulhof for his tralia but throughout the region.

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tury," Mr. Keating said.

Part of his strategy would involve changing banking rules to allow greater direct invest- eral election early next year, ment in small businesses, as Mr. Keating's "Innovate Auswell as programs to upgrade the tralia" statement also contained ness operators. The government has budget-

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Those moves included easing guidelines to allow banks to make direct investments in small

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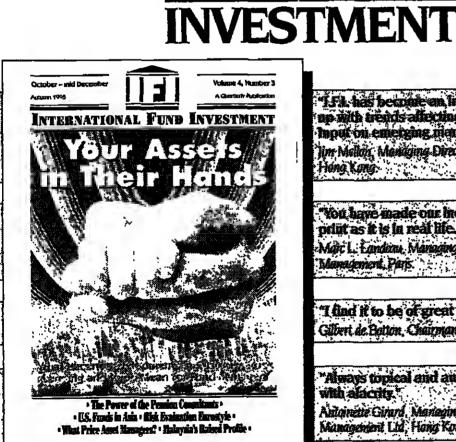
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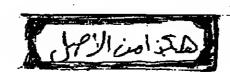
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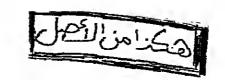
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Pete Sampras, suffering a nose-bleed, went on to win his match.

Bloodied Sampras Wins

TENNIS Pete Sampras defied a nosebleed to make a winning start in the lucrative Grand Slam Cup in Munich, defeating a fellow American, Patrick McEnroe, 6-1, 7-6.

Sampras, who played matches in the Davis Cup finals in Moscow on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, suffered a nosebleed after winning the opening game of the match but then won the next four games.

"My body is a little bit tired," Sampras said afterward, "but we just have one more week to go," until the end of the tennis season. Todd Martin, Sampras's Davis Cup

doubles partner, beat the world No. 13, Sergi Bruguera, 7-6, 6-4. (AFP)

Games Add Snowboarding

OLYMPICS Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee president, said the Summer Olympics should not be expanded but added that there was room for more events in the Winter Games.

We must keep the limit of 10,000 athletes as we did in Barcelona and for Atlanta." Samaranch said at the end of a three-day IOC executive board meeting in Karuizawa, Japan.

At the meeting, the IOC approved the addition of snowboarding to the 1998 Winter Olympics in nearby

Ferguson Wins Appeal

SOCCER Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland and Everton striker who is the first player in Britain to be jailed for attacking an opponent, won an appeal against a separate 12-match ban that soccer authorities imposed for the offense.

The decision by a Scottish appeals judge means that Ferguson can resume playing for Everton immedi-

All Blacks Pick Hart

RUGBY UNION John Hart, who was turned down three times previously as the All Blacks coach by New Zealand rugby union chiefs, finally won the job on Wednesday. Hart will be New Zealand rugby's first professional coach, but denied reports that his performance-related package would be worth \$162,000 a year. (Reuters)

Haley Unretires Again

Charles Haley, the Dallas Cowboys' star defensive end who said Monday that he was retiring, unretired again, then went to California for surgery Wednesday on a herniated disk in his lower back. It was the fourth time in his career Haley had announced his retirement.

WORLD ROUNDUP Nantes Moves Ahead In Champions Cup

Names was held to a scoreless tie in the into the lead by halftime.

In an uneventful second half, Betis failed snow Wednesday by Panathinaikos, but still did well enough to advance to the quarterfinals of the European Cup, along the visitors.

with the Greek champions. The French team, which needed only a matches, reported in some earlier edities to reach the last eight, had hoped to beat tions:

SOCCER ROUNDUP

the Champions' League Group A leader and pass Panathinaikos on points, but the icy conditions made their neat, quick-passing style of play virtually ineffective.

Nantes played the best game but was not able to create scoring opportunities.

Stackburn Rovers 4, Rosenborg 1 Mike Newell stunned Rosenborg of Norway with three goals in nine minutes as the Blackburn Rovers belatedly struck winning form. Newell scored his hat trick in the 31st, 38th and 40th minutes to sweep Blackburn to a 4-1 victory, their first in Group B in their sixth and final match. With striker Alan Shearer scoring their first goal from a 15th minute spot kick, Blackburn cast off its previous wretched form — four defeats, one draw and just one goal - to salvage a degree of pride. Bornesia Dortmund 2. Glasnow Rangers 2

Glasgow recovered from losing its midfielder Paul Gascoigne to come away from Borussia Dortmund with a tie in their final Group C match. Gascoigne got his marching orders after being booked and then later arguing with the referee. For the Rangers, so dominant in the Scottish league, the result was some consolation after a disastrous European campaign that saw them finish last in Group C. Their late equalizer came from Gordon Durie. Borussia, meanwhile, went into the game already guaranteed of a quarterfinal date with the Group D winner, Ajax Amsterdam.

In other European Champions' League matches Wednesday: Aalborg tied Porto, 2-2, in Group A; Spartak Moscow defeated Legia Warsaw, 1-0, in Group B; Steama the team to a victory on aggregate. Bucharest and Juventus tied, 0-0, in Group Francesco Totti scored Roma's first goal in C; Ajax Amsterdam beat Ferencearos, 4-0, and Real Madrid defeated Grasshopper Zurich, 2-0, in Group D.

In a third-round, second-leg UEFA 3-2 aggregate victory over Real Betis in it 2-1 in the game and 3-3 on aggre-Seville on an extraordinary goal by Zine- gate. (Reuters, AFP)

Gaeten Huard, the Bordeaux goalkeeper, took a goal kick, Antony Bancarel knocked it forward, and the French international Zinedine Zidane, noticing Pedro Jaro well off his line, lobbed left-footed

NEW YORK — Carlton Haselrig, the New York Jets guard who has been missing

Haselrig was suspended Monday by the

National Football League for failing to

comply with its substance-abuse policy. On

on charges of drunken driving and having

an unregistered firearm. Last week he was

Haselrig did not attend any of the hearings.

a vehicle the Jets defensive end, Donald

Evans, leased and then loaned to Haselrig. see him succeed."

No one seems to know where he is.

Post reported Wednesday.

Police Seek Jets' Suspended Guard

for nine days, is believed to be driving a car Sara, received a phone call after she paged

a teammate reported stolen, the New York her husband this weekend. The newspaper

fined in a Bayonne, New Jersey, court for Pittsburgh Steelers, Haselrig has had four

driving erratically and arguing with the po-lice officers who arrested him last month. centers and has been arrested several times

Now a stolen car report has been filed on said: "It's a shame because he's got a

its 2-0 first leg defeat in Bordeaux, forged

In third-round, second-leg UEFA Cup

Bayorn Murich 2, Benfica 1 Jürgen Klins-mann struck twice to claim a two-leg haul of six goals and thrust Bayern Munich into the quarterfinals of the UEFA Cup at the expense of the Portuguese champion, Benfica. The German national team captain, scored in the 33d and 66th minutes in Lisbon after hitting all four goals in Bayern's 4-1 first-leg victory in Munich. The Austrian international Andreas Herzog made it 3-1 on the night for Bayern and 7-2 on aggregate with a goal in the 83d minute.

Barcelona 2, Sevilla 1 Barcelona, the European champion in 1992, overpowered 10-man Sevilla for a 4-2 aggregate victory in an all-Spanish clash. José Maria Bakero put Barcelona 1-0 up on the night against Sevilla in the 61st minute to give it an aggregate 2-1 advantage six minutes be-fore Sevilla had José Miguel Prieto sent off for a clumsy challenge on Sergi Barjuan. Three goals followed in a three-minute burst. Gica Popescu extended Barcelona's lead in the 80th minute.

Werder Browner 0, PSV Eindheven 0 PSV, which won the European Cup in 1988, held Werder Bremen to a scoreless tie in Germany to preserve the 2-1 advantage it had

built in the first leg in the Netherlands.

Lyon C, Nottingham Forcet 0 Nottingham
Forest, England's lone survivor in European competition and winner of the Enropean Cup in 1979 and 1980, also clung to a slender first-leg lead and emerged from Lyon with a scoreless tie on the night and a 1-0 aggregate victory.

Roma 2, Brondby 1 Roma overturned a 2-first-leg deficit against Brondby to beat the Danes in the Italian capital with a last-ditch goal from Amedeo Carboni that lifted the 23d minute, and Abel Balbo, the Argentine striker, added another 26 minutes into the second half. But Peter Moeller, who had scored in the first leg, struck for Cup match Wednesday, Bordeaux scored a Brondby six minutes from the end to make

The Yokohama Marinos won the J-League, the Japanese championship, on Wednesday when it beat the two-time defending champion Verdy Kawasaki, 1-0, in the second leg of the playoff. The Yokohama striker Masami Ihara headed home a from 40 yards over the hapless goalkeeper free kick from the Argentine midfielder after just four minutes. Betis, which then David Bisconti in the 29th minute at Naneeded four goals to win qualification after tional Stadium in Tokyo.

The Post said Haselrig, 29, has been in-

volved in at least one hit-and-run scrape

with the car. The Post said Haselrig's wife,

centers and has been arrested several times

couple of nice children, and we just want to

Dick Haley, the Jets' personnel director,

(AP. NYT)

for incidents involving alcohol.



Bordeaux's Geoffrey Toyes, left, battling for the ball with Oscar Arpon of Real Betis in a UEFA Cup game Wednesday.

Rockets Turn Tables on Jazz

The Associated Press

the Midwest Division. the visiting team returned the favor Tuesday night. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 25 points, in-

cluding four in the last 54 sec-onds, in a 103-100 victory. "It's a great rivalry: Hall of Famers on both sides," Hous-ton's coach, Rudy Tomjanovich, said. "We never gave

said she heard only the sound of breathing.
"He could be in a hotel somewhere," Evans said. "I think he's alone, but I don't think it's a good time for him to be by the same day, a judge in Pittsburgh issued a himself. When a person has a drug problem, warrant for him. Haselrig was due in court you don't want to find him alone in a hotel seasons on the way to back-toroom after something bad happens."

A one-time Pro Bowl selection for the

back NBA titles. "I think they showed why they are the world champions," said Utah's coach, Jerry Sloan.

Olajuwon's book shot gave the Rockets a 101-100 lead with 11 seconds to play and the Jazz couldn't score again. John Stockton passed to Bryon Rus-sell on the baseline and the ball bounds with just three seconds left. Stockton fouled Sam Cassell on the inbounds with 1.9 seconds remaining, and Cassell hit both free throws. Karl Malone's 26-footer at the buzzer skimmed off the rim.

Malone finished with 27 points and 12 rebounds, and Chris Morris added 21. For Houston, Robert Horry scored 25, including five three-

pointers. Clyde Drexler scored 10 of his 17 points in the final

valry of sorts has also developed between the Los Angeles expansion Vancouver, it's 15 Quite a rivalry has developed oped between the Los Angeles expansion Vancouver, it's 15 between Houston and Utah in Lakers and San Antonio, but successive losses and counting

San Antonio routed the Lak- 20 straight losses. ers behind David Robinson's

NBA ROUNDEP

24 points, although his team had things well enough in hand that he sat out the fourth quar-

Sean Elliott had 22 points for Houston has defeated the San Antonio, which led 55-38 Jazz in the playoffs the last two at the half and by as many as 32. points in the fourth quarter. Cedric Ceballos led the vis-

iting Lakers with 16 points. Raioks 92, Mevericks 87 Patrick Ewing had 22 points and 12 rebounds and keyed a decisive third-quarter run as New York handed Dallas its ninth loss in 10 games.

The Knicks broke the game open by starting the third quarbounced off him and out of ter with a 18-8 run, with Ewing scoring the last six points. Pacers 108, 76ers 91 Despite

Vernon Maxwell's 35 points, Philadelphia lost its 11th straight, this time to Indiana. Maxwell scored 22 in the first quarter, a 76cr record, topping the 21 first-period points scored by Julius Erving against Chicago in 1979.

The host Pacers used a 14-5 sport to start the second half and pull away from Philadelphia. Mark Jackson had a season-high 13 assists as Indiana snapped a three-game losing streak.

Charles Barkley gave Phoenix a quick start, then returned late in the game to help the Suns. He scored 11 of his 24

points in the first quarter. Michael Finley, a rookie, scored 25 points for the Suns, while Blue Edwards and Greg Anthensy had 22 points each for Anthony had 22 points each for the Grizzlies.

The regular referees can't return soon enough for Toronto's Oliver Miller.

Purious over being ejected by a replacement referee, Michael Krom, after getting two technicals, Miller picked up a chair and looked ready to throw it until teammates drag-ged him

For Seattle, Shawn Kemp scored 21 and Gary Payton 18. Tracy Murray led the Rap-

tors with 23 points. Magic 114, Chippers 105 An-fernce Hardaway had 38 points off a \$1.7 million, two-year con-

to help Orlando hold off Los Loy Vaught had 22 points and a rookie point guard, Breat Barry, 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter for the Clippers

to help turn a 13-point deficit into a 96-94 lead with 5:50 to

Early for After the Jazz defeated the lot more lopsided than last seapockets last week in Houston, e visiting team returned the lot more lopsided than last season's second-round series. San Anterio yourded the lot lot lot more lopsided than last season's second-round series. San Anterio yourded the lot lot lot lot lot more lopsided than last season's second-round series. The Associated Press

Clubs Shop

Paul Molitor returned to his roots, signing with the Minnesota Twins, while Wade Boggs went back to the New York Yankees.

On the first busy day of the free agent signing season, Moli-tor agreed to a \$2 million, oneyear contract with Minnesota. The 39-year-old designated hit-ter is a native of St. Paul, Min-

Boggs, 37. will receive about \$4 million over two years from the Yankees. With Boggs' signing complete, the Yankees seem set to announce a deal that would bring first baseman Tino Martinez to New York from Seattle for third baseman Russ Davis and pitcher Sterling Hitchcock. Florida, which traded outfielder Chuck Carr to Milwaukee, agreed to a \$1,275,000,

two-year contract with outfielder Joe Orsulak. He was coming tract with the New York Mets. Third baseman Tim Wallach,

agreed to a minor-league contract with the California Angels. · Cal Ripken Jr., who surpassed Lou Gehrig's record of 2,131 consecutive games in the summer, will take another vic-But the Orlando defense tory lap Sunday, when he will be stiffened, holding Los Angeles named Sportsman of the Year to just one field goal thereafter. by Sports Illustrated magazine. tory lap Sunday, when he will be named Sportsman of the Year

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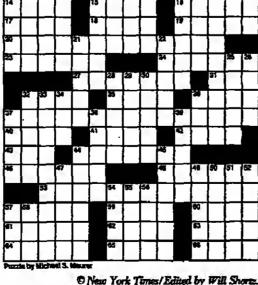
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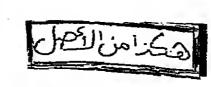
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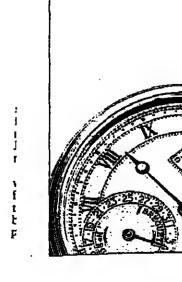
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Roy Leaves Quebec A Kingdom Divided

By Anne Swardson

another controversial separation has och bockey city, in North America after the curred Patrick Roy, arguably the best goalie. One bec Northques' move to Denver in hockey, has left the Montreal Canadians. As the Canadian Press reporter Alan

the early hours of Wednesday morning.

ried nationwide on French and English "The dust from the referendum has not even settled and here we are in another debate that divides Quebec down the mid-

dle," wrote the columnist Michel Auger in Le Journal de Montreal. The circumstances of Roy's exit added to the controversy. Saturday night, during a loss at home to the Detroit Red Wings, Roy mouthed off to team president Ronald Corey after he was pulled in the second period, by which time he had allowed nine

goals. Roy felt that Mario Tremblay, the coach, should have taken him out earlier. "This is my last game in Montreal," he told Corey in the stands, then turned back to him and added: "Did you understand?"

pended with pay and then traded. On Monday, Roy said: "I would like to

Corey apparently did. Roy, 30, was sus-

Montreal." Roy apologized to fans but not to management for his behavior.

TORONTO — Barely a month ago, the happen to Canadian hockey since Wayne city of Montreal was convulsed by the Greeky left Edmonton for Los Angeles in possibility of separation. The Quebec vote 1988, The Canadians, with 24 Stanley Cups on leaving Canada and becoming index 1988. on leaving Canada and becoming inde (the past two with Roy in goal) are the pendent consumed countless hours of air winningest team indiockey. Roy is not just a ime, countless pages of newsprint, count-good goalie, he is idolized in Montreal. A less debates in cases and subways.

Separation was narrowly detailed. But as Escach, always a plus in the last French

Roy has been traded to the Colorado Adams said on television after Roy's news Avalanche, a team that abandoned Quebec conference Monday: "I wouldn't want to be over the summer in a five-player deal. Pierre Mano Tremblay. He just chased God out of Lacroix, Colorado's general manager and town." Priction with Tremblay was the un-Roy's former agent, completed the deal in derlying cause of the separation, and perhaps underneath that, the fact that the Canadiens Again, Montreal — and, to some extent, have had a lousy year. Last spring, for the the rest of Canada — is swept up in the first time in 25 years, they failed to make the crisis. The leading French and English NEL playoffs. This season, Les Habitants

newspapers each carried 12 or more articles about Roy's impending departure on the response Corey sacked Jacques Demessay morning.

The radio talk-shows are buzzing. Roy's eral manager. Demess always had treated news conference Monday night was carried nationwide. Tremblay and Rejean Houle, Savard's replacement, were more inclined to see Roy as a really good goalie and no more.

"Some people blame Patrick and some blame Mario. But Mario is the coach," said Michel Bergeron, former coach of the Nordiques and the New York Rangers, and now a hockey commentator for radio and television in Montreal.

Tremblay, 39, who played for the Canathe Canadiens), also is new to hockey management, though he too played for the Habs. said, believe that "all players should be Quickly, the province of Quebec (filled, as Quickly, the province of Quebec (filled, as Maclean's magazine put it, with "6 million coaches without portfolios") divided over who was right.

Auger likened the debate to the debate have left a different memory of myself for over independence. The pro-Roy faction



diens and then was a sports broadcaster, Flyers' Eric Lindros tumbling, after check by Detroit's Vladimir Konstantinov. never coached before. Houle, the 46-year-

equal," an opinion held by many of those who wish to remain in Canada, French speakers tend to side with Roy, English speakers with Tremblay.

Roy lives in Quebec year-round, unlike

old former public relations director for the Molson-O'Keefe brewery (Molson's owns aratists want Quebec to be a 'distinct charities for children's cancer that a new wing of a Montreal hospital is being named

The next few games will be tough. Coaching the Canadiens, Maclean's magazine said a few years back, "is probably the toughest job a Canadian could have that does not involve mine shafts or keeping the peace in

Panthers Back on Top After Beating Capitals

The Associated Press

The Florida Panthers are back on top in the NHL's Atlantic Division after defeating the Washington Capitals.

'The key to our success is a solid allaround team effort," Scott Mellanby said after the Panthers improved their NHL-

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best record with a 4-3 victory Tuesday night over Washington. "We get great goaltending and everyone concentrates hard on defense."

The Panthers climbed over the Philadelphia Flyers, who lost, 5-3, at Detroit. Florida has 39 points to 38 for the Flyers. The New York Rangers are another point back in third place in the hottest division race in the National Hockey League.

Jesse Belanger had two goals and an assist, and Scott Mellanby also had three points for the Panthers. Red Wings 5, Flyers 3 In Detroit, de-fenseman Paul Coffey moved within three goals.

assists of another career milestone as the Red Wings snapped Philadelphia's eightgame winning streak.

Coffey, who assisted on two of three goals in the second period that gave Detroit a 4-0 lead, improved his career assist total to

That leaves him just three away from becoming the first defenseman in NHL history with 1,000 assists. He is already the NHL career leader for goals, assists and

points for a defenseman. Detroit, which has won five straight, reversed the only defeat in its last 13 games, a 4-1 setback Nov. 24 at Philadelphia.

ulne 6, Islanders 3 Mario Lemieux extended his point-scoring streak to nine games with a goal and three assists as

visiting Pittsburgh won its sixth straight. Markus Nashund had a goal and two ssists, and Tomas Sandstrom, Glen Murray, Chris Joseph and Jaromir Jagr also scored for the Penguins.

Bruins 6, Stare 4 Sandy Moger and Steve Leach had third-period goals, and Adam Oates scored twice to lift Boston over visiting Dallas.

Moger's goal came with 2:33 left in the game, on a rebound of his own shot to put the Bruins on top, 5-4. Leach scored his fifth of the season into an empty net with 27 seconds left.

Maple Leafs 4, Senators 1 Backup goaltender Damian Rhodes made 39 saves as Toronto defeated visiting Ottawa and ex-

tended the Senators' winless streak to 14. Mike Craig, Benoit Hogue and Todd Warriner scored for the Maple Leafs, who were winless in five games before meeting the Senators. Doug Gilmour also got credit for a goal the Senators scored on themselves

ne 12, Sharks 2 In Denver, Valeri Kamensky recorded his first career hat trick, and Colorado tied a franchise record for goals in a game.

The scoring outburst marked the third time Colorado scored 12 goals in a game. The last time was 11 years ago when the team was in Quebec. The Avalanche also matched a club record with six first-period

Kamensky had two goals in the opening period, and Peter Forsberg finished with a goal and three assists as Colorado broke a season-worst three-game losing streak.

Blues 1, Flames 1 German Titov scored the tying goal for Calgary with 4:03 left in the third period as the Flames gained a tie

with visiting St. Louis.

With the Flames on a power play, Titov pounced on a rebound of Phil Housley's shot and went around the fallen Grant Fuhr, sliding a backhander behind the Blues' goaltender. That brought the Flames even after Craig Johnson had given the Blues a 1-0 lead earlier in the third period.

The game was played before a Sad-dledome crowd of 16,284, the smallest crowd of the season for the Flames, who are now winless in five games on home ice and have just one victory at home all season.

Canucks 6, Oilers 2 Roman Oksiuta had two goals as the Canucks, playing at home in Vancouver, won back-to-back games for the first time this season. Vancouver scored early to lead 4-2 in the

first period and 5-2 after the second. The Oilers are winless in five games.

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11 (Kovalenka, Wolania). 4 Colorado, Kamensky 13 (Kovalenko). 5 Colorado, Kucinsky 4 (Deudmorsk, Foole). 6 Colorado, Saide 17 (Forsberg). Secund Perfeet: Colorado, Young 4 (Solde, Staney). 8 Colorado, Young 5 (Simon, Solici) (pp). 9. Colorado, Kovalenko 11 (Forsberg, Komensky). 18 Colorado, Kovalenko 11 (Forsberg, Komensky). 18 Colorado, Komensky 14 (sp). Tikral Period—71, S.J.-Shepport 14 (Koadov, Miller) (pp). 13. Colorado, Solici 18 (Young, Simon). 13. Colorado, Deodmorsh 8 (Foole, Rudinsky). 14 S.J.-Allier 9 (penotity shot). Shots un goal: S.J.-7-11-18—28. Colorado CALVIN AND HOBBES

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Titov (Housley, Fleury) (pp). Overtime.-None.
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(Bayern win 7-2 on oppregate)

TRANSITIONS PARENALL,

CALIFORNIA—Agreed to lerms with Tim Wol-och and Jack Howell, infielders, on minor-

league contracts, LLP VELAND—Agreed to terms with Jim Poole, pitcher, on 1-year contract. BETWOIT—Named Glorn Ezell bench coach; Terry Francons 3d base coach; Fred Kendall bullpen coach; Jon Mattack pitching coach; Ron Dester 1st base coach; Gene Roof roving minor-league outfield instructor; and Jeff Jones minor-league outfield instructor; and Jeff Jones minor-league pitching coach. Retained Larry Herndon, hitting coach.

ns, nestgraves nines, on 1-year controct.

NEW YORK—Agneed to Perms with Wode Boggs, 3d baseman, on 2-year contract,

TEXAS—Named Scott Terry pitching coach for

Tulsa, TL; Julio Cruz fielding and base running

coach for Tulsa, Signed Mike Murphy, outfieldet, to controct with Tulsa.

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MONTREAL—Reached on agreement with the

MONTHEAL—Reached so agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County for the constitucion of a new spring training stadium and attletic complex. SAN DIEGO—Promoted Dave Smith. Memphis pliching coach, to minor-league pliching coa-duator and Jackson Todd. Peoda pitching coach, to Memphis pliching coach, Named Rick Suitcliffe and Ted Power minor league pliching

EVEL SANTA WOULD GIVE ALL THE DANGEROUS, ANHORING, AND CORRUPTING TOYS

RATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION LA. CLIPPERS—Activated Pool Richard list. Put Rodney Richard, on Injured list. MINNESOTA-Put Micheel Wellows, puord

SEATTLE—Put Nate McMillan, grand, on in-jured list, Activated Steve Scheffler, forward, from injured list. POOTBALL

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
JAUKSONVILLE—Waived Ernest Givins, wide
receiver, and James Williams, Thebacker,

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sloshing Claude Lemieux, Colorado right wing, in game on Sunday. ANAHAIM—Assigned Dwayne Norts, right wing, to Baltimore, AHL. Recorded David Sacoboroward, from Baltimore.

LOS ANGGLES—Sent Ario Blomster, defense-

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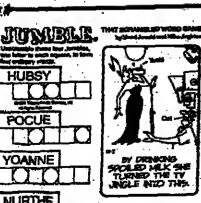
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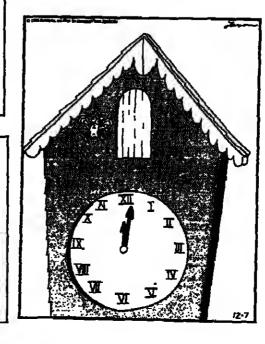








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ART BUCHWALD

A Banana Split

terrible mistake the other day asked him if he was responsible after hearing the congressional for the temporary furloughing

country is getting worse than a banana republic." To my surprise Mo took umbrage at this

remark and said, "That wasn't a nice

thing to say. I come from a banana republic, and we would never behave like this."

"I'm sorry, Mo. It's just that nobody in Washington gives a damn about anything except power, and the only thing that comes to mind is what spoiled banana peels our legislators re-

Mo told me, "I picked up a

41 Nations Enter Race for Oscar

The Associated Press OS ANGELES - Fortyone countries have submitted films in hopes of capturing Justice Department special an Oscar nomination for best prosecutor.

foreign language film. Five nominees will be announced Feb. 13 for the 68th annual Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles on March 25, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said. A record 45 countries submitted films last year, the

The films are selected by a jury of filmmakers in each country and submitted to the academy's Foreign Language Film Award Committee. Last year's winner was "Burnt by the Sun" by Russian filmmaker Nikita Mikhalkov.

WASHINGTON - I made a senator this morning and I debate on the budget. I turned to of many government employ-my favorite Diamond Taxi ees, why did members of Con-driver. Mo, and said, "This gress still accept their salaries?" gress still accept their salaries? He responded, 'Let's not mix oranges and bananas. The workers laid off did oot hold

essential positions in the government and therefore could be sent home. Congress, on the other hand, is essential and must be paid. "Well, if we aren't a banana

republic, what kind of republic are we?" I wanted to know.

Mo said, "A struggling re-public, a bankrupt republic or even a rotten tomato republic, but certainly not one that compares with the top bananas." "Why not?"

"All people are concerned about right now are the presidential elections. In a banana republic, elections are decided beforehand. You hold them only when you are sure that you're

going to win.
"The citizens respect their leaders in a banana republic unlike the United States, where every time someone gets elected they have to hire a lawyer to defend themselves against a

prosecutor.
"In a banana republic, when
there is a budget crisis, the leaders send the troops into the street. In this country, the leaders go out and play golf, and the Congress pretends to be seri-

throw the opposition into the slammer. That's why everyone thinks twice before shutting down the president's dining

'I'll tell you another thing: No leader in a banana republic would shut down an entire government just because he had to sit in the back of the plane."

Sidney Poitier at 68: 'Sir' Is Back, in Chicago

By David Richards Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Sidney Pointer toppled so many barriers in Hollywood he was once called "filmdom's Jackie Robinson." But on this particular day he seems to be trying his trailblazing career.

the component elements, not just the corner that might shine the brightest. in the rear-view mirror of a taxicab. Do you know what I mean?"

the director. And Norman Jewison is a remarkable filmmaker. That movie was a terrific, terrific example of his gift. I derive a good deal of satisfaction. from films like 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,' 'The Defiant Ones' and 'Lilies of the Field.' But the interest of these films has very little to do with me. They were conceived by someone else, written by someone else and di-rected by someone else. If truth be told, I was just an actor-person. I happened to be in the right place at the right

Let him insist it was all fortuitous. Others disagree. Last weekend Poitier was one of the five recipients of the 18th annual Kennedy Center Honors, celebrating a lifetime of achievement in the arts. "Well, I guess [the center's trustees] said to themselves that this guy and his body of work — coming when it did, as it did — have some value," Poiner reflects.

Modesty was always one of the qualities Poinier projected best on the screen. He made it seem like a form of strength. His most memorable characters were firm, objective, in control

perhaps, but never hostile; polite but never subservient; proud but never ar-

The record shows that he was the first African American to be nominated for an Oscar as Best Actor (for "The Defiant Ones" in 1958), the first to win one (for "Lilies of the excessively hard not to take credit for Field" in 1963) and the first to be crowned the No. I box office movie "I've been extremely fortunate in draw in the United States and Canada that I've been a party to some very interesting films," he acknowledges.
"I don't deny that I brought something to them. But once the magic is made, one has to keep an eye on all interesting films," he acknowledges. was oot shown head-on but reflected

Pointer doesn't pretend to know He cites the 1967 Academy Award how any of it came about or why it to Rod Steiger, myself and the other actor. "If you apply reason and to Rod Steiger, myself and the other actor. "If you apply reason and to Rod Steiger, myself and the other actor. "If you apply reason and to going to this career of mine, you're not going to get very far. You simply won't," he admits "The four simply won't So much of life, it seems to me, is determined by pure randomness.

Poitier and his second wife, former actress Joanna Shimkus, who starred with him in the 1969 film "The Lost Man," live in a two-story co-op on the Upper East Side. But he is zealous about guarding their privacy. When he talks to the press, be prefers the anonymity of a hotel room.

Pointer's speech is marked by care-fully measured cadences that suggest both his reflective temperament and his West Indian beritage. The rhythm rarely changes, but as he gets caught up in an idea, he leans progressively faward, so that at one point he is actually hunkered over his knees, his fingers hooked under the arches of his feet. Time has been good to him. There is a residual boyishness in his round cheeks, and his dark eyes throw off a sparkle that must have been read as mischievousness when he was younger. If he is 68, as the books claim, then he is 68 going on 45.

Currently. Pointer is making his 47th film, a still-untitled sequel to his 1967 hit "To Sir With Love." In the under pressure. It was others who blew original, he played a teacher who took their stacks, sputtered and lost their on a classful of problem kids in London's East End and taught them tol-school in Chicago.



Poitier: "I've been a party to some very interesting films."

erance, the work ethic and good manners. In the sequel, which is being directed by Peter Bogdanovich, the teacher - older, wiser but no less

NEW YORK police have re-covered the Duchess of

York's stolen diamond necklace and bracelet and arrested

Airport. They are unofficially valued at £250,000 (\$382,000).

The recipient was anything but grateful for the honor: the Literary Review's annual Bad Sex Prize. The prize from the

British magazine celebrates the

which means the horizontal part

of a sundial that casts a shadow

and enables you to tell the time.

It seemed to me that this was a

useful word to describe some-

Danielle Mitterrand, the

former French first lady, has donated about 150 pieces of

jewelry received from heads of

state over the past 15 years to

her human rights foundation, France Libertes, said the auc-

thing which we all know what I

am talking about."

"It was my idea," Poitier says. "I felt this character, had be stayed at the game, would have matured into quite an impressive individual. I thought it might make an interesting piece of which I live. So I read. I travel. I watch material to have him face the seem-

through the calcification that has talk-en hold in too many of our inner-city

schools today."

Bogdanovich says, "It's at little intimidating directing him, because he really could direct himself. He can play a given moment any outmber of different ways, unlike some actors I've known. Sidney's a genuine star, not a created one. He's got tremen-

dons integrity."

Portraying the same character a second time has forced Politics to make other comparisons. "When I was a young man, I was quicker," he admits. "My neurons fired more rapidly. But I figure that's all right, because the character is older and his neurons will have slowed down, too. Of course, I have other trepidations. I don't know of any creative person who doesn't. A lot of my work is instinctive. I look at my past performances and wonder if the fuse is still lit in that place where they came from."

Poitier talks about being "in the closure period of my life." a time when "people begin making preparations for the twilight years." But he looks and acts entirely too robust to

looks and acts entirely too robust to be making such statements.
"Well, I am physically O.K.," be concedes. "I'm on my feet. My head is working fairly well. My vital organs are in fairly good shape: My curiosity is the strongest thing about me. Mind you, curiosity has to be fed to survive. I don't want to go to an island in the Caribbean and sit, although I love that srea very much."

though I love that area very much. He has six daughters — four from his first marriage, two from his second - and so far they have given him three granddaughters. His first grandson is expected this month. The bloodline continues with its mysterious and unpredictable charge of talent. As Poitier, a man of quiet wooderment, entertains the prospect, it is evident that wonderment has done a lot to keep him youthful.

"I want to understand," be admits. ."I want to improve myself. I want to be more in touch with the universe as a whole and the little community in ingly intractable problems of getting at things to see what I can see.'

POSTCARD

Burgers and Memorabilia: The Official All Star Café

By Florence Fabricant New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Out came the ham-burgers, and Robert Earl beamed, "We're willing to put our burger up against any competitor," said Earl, who has already given the world 29 Planet Hollywoods and will inaugurate the first Official All Star Café, a 650-seat homage to professional sports, in Times Square on

The bun is fantastic." Earl said. "Zabar's.

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The gents were taken from a suitcase belonging to a royal aide as she returned to London from the with high-profile partners like Sylvester.

"We will be dedicating the Charlie Third States." ners in this venture.

With his team of chefs, Earl was making Bruce Willis. He was ready for a new the final decisions on the menu, which concept.

includes burgers 51 different ways. By the time they were presented, he had already sampled the crab dip, fried onion rings and matzo ball soup.

Matzo ball soup? In a sports bar?
"I insisted on it," be said. "It's a personal favorite.

When Earl insists on something, it is likely to happen. This compact, gregarious 46-year-old powerhouse in a flashy tie, whose measured speech is clipped with the inflection of his native London, first envisioned a blockbuster sports restaurant

with high-profile partners like Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and

"Music, movies and sport transcend every international barrier," he said. "You for the theft from a trans-Attranscend the mount of the restaurant environment around the world." But call such lantic flight, British Airways ronment around the world." But call such lantic flight, British Airways ronment around the world." But call such lantic flight, British Airways rolling themselves a said Wednesday. The police found the necklase at the home differ. "If you do an honest tribute that is of the arrested man, Gilbert true to the field you are in, I do not think Terrero, 19, and the bracelet in you can merely call it a theme restaurant," a locker at John F. Kennedy

Sports memorabilia, some of them priceless, like Agassi's ponyrail and the first. Terrero, who works for a load-backboard broken by O'Neal, are dis-ing firm contracted to British played throughout the vast restaurant at Airways, bas confessed, a BA 1540 Broadway. Earl described the restau- spokesman said. The gems four years ago.

1540 Broadway. Earl described the restauspokesman said. The gems
He had already made his fortune with the rant as "an arena meets a stadium." It was were taken from a suitcase be-

> Sheen Room at the opening," Earl said. 'He has one of the finest collections of baseball memorabilia in the world."

PEOPLE



WHOOPI ON CAPITOL HILL — Whoopi Goldberg with Senator Edward M.

most embarrassing passage de-Kennedy at a congressional hearing on proposed cuts in federal programs for children. scribing the act of love in a literary work published this year The winner is Philip Kerr's 'Gridiron," a futuristic thriller, and the sentence that clinched earrings and ring with a dia-mond-encrusted ribbon motif, the prize was: "Detaching mind from over-eager gnomon and its exquisitely appointed, shadowy and a five-strand pearl necktask he began to make love to ber." A clearly irritated Kerr, who sold the film rights for \$1 lace, are estimated to be worth \$300,000 to \$400,000. million, said, "I think it's rather poetic in a way - gnomon,

A representative of Kim singer denied that the actress has settled a lawsuit involving her withdrawal from the movie "Boxing Helena." An attorney for breach of contract, said a settlement had been reached. A bankruptcy judge has proposed that Basinger pay \$3.8 million to resolve the dispute, but her publicist said she was prepared

to go back to court to fight it. Prime Minister Yitzhak tioneer Jacques Tajan. The Rabin's granddaughter, who signed a property settlement

items, including a diamond-delivered a eulogy at his funeral, with his wife, Lorena, the last studded gold bracelet; a match- has sold the rights to her mem- step before divorce. Next to his ing set of necklace, bracelet, oirs to the Alfred A. Knopf company. Noa Ben-Artzi Philosof. 18, whose book will carry the name Noa Rabin, reportedly received an advance of nearly \$1 million, although the publisher would not confirm that figure.

King Juan Carlos I of Spain and former President Jimmy Carter have been awarded the for Main Line Pictures, the pro-duction company that sued her Prize, created in 1989 and named after the late leader of the Ivory Coast. The directorgeneral of Unesco, Federico Mayor, presented the prize worth about \$50,000 to Juan Carios and to Carter's son, James Earl Carter 3d.

The book is due out in April.

John Bobbitt has finally

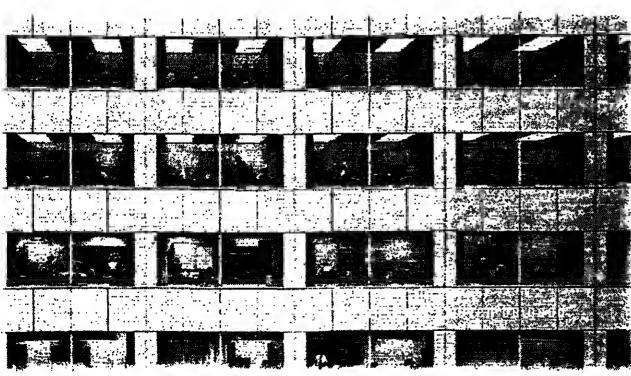
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signature. Bobbitt sketched a small knife - a reference to the kitchen knife she used to cut off his penis two years ago. The penis was reattached. Lorena Bobbitt signed the property agreement earlier this year, but he stalled. At one point, he brought her candy and flowers. but she refused to see him.

After a bumpy year of bankruptcy and bidding wars, the folks in Rockefeller Center returned to a more traditional pursuit: lighting the towering Christmas tree for the 63d time. A cheer went up from the crowd as some children helped David Rockefeller light the 75-foot (23-meter) tree. They were joined by the models Naomi Campbell, Elle Macpherson, Claudia Schiffer and Christy Turlington.

WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather 25.82 19.65 () 3.67 -7.20 () 19.60 14.57 () 20.60 25.73 () 10.60 14.57 () 20.60 14.57 () 10.60 14.57 () 28/82 11/82 pc 27/80 17/82 pc 28/84 19/80 pc 38/86 29/86 pc 28/71 19/86 pc 28/71 18/84 pc 28/71 6/83 pc 28/70 6/83 pc 28/82 28/76 pc 28/80 28/76 pc 28/82 18/82 pc 28/83 8/86 pc Figid of will head aouth from Canada Into the Plans and Midwest, reaching the East Coast by Sunday, it will be preceded by some snow, it is and rain from Chicago to New York City. Ory along most of the West Coast, but mostifile storms by less Sunweather over the weekend.
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